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DERWENT INFORMATION LTD  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000-271475 [23]  
WPIDS  
DOC. NO. CPI: C2000-082967  
TITLE: Novel nucleic acids encoding pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* used  
for regulation of \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* and treatment of type II diabetes.  
DERWENT CLASS: B04D16  
INVENTOR(S): LI, M  
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COUNTRY COUNT: 83  
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AB WO 200015845 A UPAB: 20000516

NOVELTY - An isolated pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* (I) is new.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT

CLAIMS are also included for the

following:

(1) an isolated nucleic acid molecule (NAM) (II)

encoding (I);

(2) an antisense NAM (III) complementary to

(II);

(3) a cell comprising (III);

(4) an expression vector comprising (III);

(5) a method (A) of decreasing expression of a (I)

in a host cell;

(6) a ribozyme (IV) having a recognition

sequence complementary to a

portion of (II);

(7) a cell comprising (IV);

(8) an expression vector comprising (IV);

(9) a cell comprising (II);

(10) an expression vector comprising (II);

(11) a method (B) of increasing expression of (II)

in a host cell,

comprising introducing (I) into the cell;

(12) a method (C) of screening a substance for

the ability to modify

the function of (I);

(13) a method (D) of obtaining DNA encoding

(II)

(14) a DNA oligomer capable of hybridizing to

(I);

(15) a method (E) of detecting presence of a

pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

in a sample,

(16) an antibody (V) specific for (II); and

(17) a method of detecting the presence of (I) in a

sample,

comprising contacting the sample with (V) and

detecting the complex

formed.

ACTIVITY - antidiabetic.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - The polypeptide

functions as a pancreatic

\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\*.

USE - The pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* polynucleotides and polypeptides

are used for treating

diseases associated with abnormal expression or

function of \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*

. They are especially

used for treating type II diabetes (claimed). They are

used in methods for

modifying insulin secretion by pancreatic beta cells,

for modifying basal

calcium levels in cells, for modifying the action of

potential L type

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in cells, for

modifying pancreatic cell

death, for modifying pancreatic beta cell

proliferation, and for modifying

calcium influx through L type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\* in

cells (all claimed). The polypeptides are used to

produce antibodies,

which can be used in assays to identify cells or

tissues which express

pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*

, or for detecting pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* in samples. Antisense sequences  
and ribozymes can be used  
to decrease expression of pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*. Inhibitors  
and \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*  
(identified using the polypeptides of the invention)  
can be used to  
decrease the activity of pancreatic \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*.  
ADVANTAGE - No stated advantage given in  
the specification.  
DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure  
is a schematic illustration  
representing the partial rat genomic nucleotide  
composition between  
domains III and IV. Genomic DNA contained an  
exon specific to alpha 1G  
(shaded circle) and an exon specific to the  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*I\*\*\*  
subunit of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
deduced from INS-1 (shaded  
rectangle). Other exons (open rectangles) are  
identical between the two  
cDNAs. The bold letters indicate the nucleotide  
coding Gly1667.  
Dwg. 1b/25

L5 ANSWER 2 OF 21 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001  
BIOSIS DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:447682 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000447682

TITLE: Influence of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

Ca2+ (mibefradil)

and Cl- (indanyloxyacetic acid 94) channel

\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* on \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*

-adrenoceptor

mediated contractions in rat aorta.

AUTHOR(S): Duggan, Jennifer A.; Tabrizchi,

Reza (1)

CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Division of Basic

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Pharmacology,

(September, 2000) Vol. 78, No. 9, pp.

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ISSN: 0008-4212.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English; French

AB The effects of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* and

L-type Ca2+ channel

\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*, mibefradil and nifedipine,

respectively, and those of

a Cl- channel \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\*, indanyloxyacetic

acid 94, on

mechanical responses elicited by selective activation

of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*

-adrenoceptors using cirazoline were examined in rat

isolated aortic

rings. The presence of mibefradil (300 nM),

indanyloxyacetic acid, 94 (30

muM) and nifedipine (300 nM) alone inhibited

mechanical responses elicited

by cirazoline. The concentration-response curves to

cirazoline were

displaced to the right with significant increases in the

EC50 and

significant depressions of the maximal responses in

the presence of the

individual agents mibefradil, indanyloxyacetic acid

94, or nifedipine. A

combination of mibefradil and indanyloxyacetic acid

94 further inhibited

the mechanical activity produced by cirazoline. The

further reduction in

the maximal response to cirazoline, in the presence

of mibefradil and

nifedipine, was insignificant when compared with

the effects of nifedipine

alone. In addition, maximal mechanical responses

produced by cirazoline

were not significantly affected by a combination of

nifedipine and

indanyloxyacetic acid 94 when compared with either nifedipine alone or mibefradil and indanyloxyacetic acid 94 combined. Our current findings indicate that mibefradil, indanyloxyacetic acid 94, and nifedipine can inhibit cirazoline-induced contractions to a varying degree. Moreover, based on our present data it would be reasonable to suggest that the contribution of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* versus L-type Ca2+ channels to contractile responses obtained with cirazoline are approximately 21% and 35%, respectively, of the Emax. It would appear that L-type Ca2+ channels play a greater role in processes that are involved in excitation-contraction coupling subsequent to stimulation of \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenoceptors. In addition, Cl- channels also appear to be involved in the process of contraction following \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenoceptor activation.

L5 ANSWER 3 OF 21 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2001 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000352205 EMBASE  
 TITLE: Mibefradil block of cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 AUTHOR: Martin R.L.; Lee J.-H.; Cribbs L.L.; Perez-Reyes E.; Hanck D.A.  
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 SOURCE: Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, (2000) 295/1 (302-308).  
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 ISSN: 0022-3565 CODEN: JPETAB  
 COUNTRY: United States  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
 FILE SEGMENT: 030 Pharmacology 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Mibefradil is a tetralol derivative chemically distinct from other  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*. It is a very effective antihypertensive agent that is thought to achieve its action via a higher affinity block for low-voltage-activated (T) than for high-voltage-activated (L) \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*. Estimates of affinity using Ba2+ as the charge carrier have predicted a 10- to 15-fold preference of mibefradil for T channels over L channels. However, T channel IC50 values are reported to be .apprx. 1 .mu.M, which is much higher than expected for clinical efficacy because relevant blood levels of this drug are .apprx. 50 nM. We compared the affinity for mibefradil of the newly cloned T channel isoforms, .alpha.1G, .alpha.1H, and .alpha.1I with an L channel, .alpha.1C. In 10 mM Ba2+, mibefradil blocked in the micromolar range and with 12- to 13-fold greater affinity for T channels than for L channels (.apprx. 1 .mu.M versus 13/.mu.M). When 2 mM Ca2+ was used as the charge carrier, the drug was more efficacious; the IC50 for .alpha.1G shifted to 270 nM and for . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*H\*\*\* shifted to 140 nM, 4.5- and 9-fold higher affinity than in 10 mM Ba. The data are consistent with the idea that mibefradil competes for its binding site on the channel with the permeant species and that Ba2+ is a more effective

competitor than Ca2+. Raising temperature to 35.degree.C reduced affinity (IC50 792 nM). Reducing channel availability to half increased affinity (.apprx. 70 nM). This profile of mibefradil affinity makes these channels good candidates for the physiological target of this antihypertensive agent.

L5 ANSWER 4 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 2  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000127580 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20127580  
 TITLE: Determinants of voltage-dependent inactivation affect Mibefradil block of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 AUTHOR: Jimenez C; Bourinet E; Leuranguer V; Richard S; Snutch T P; Nargeot J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Genetique Humaine, CNRS UPR1142, Montpellier, France.  
 SOURCE: NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, (2000) 39 (1) 1-10.  
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 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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 AB The voltage gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* family is a major target for a range of therapeutic drugs. Mibefradil (Ro 40-5967) belongs to a new chemical class of these molecules which differs from other Ca2+ \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* by its ability to potently block \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels. However, this molecule has also been shown to inhibit other Ca2+ channel subtypes. To further analyze the mechanism governing the Ca2+ channel-Mibefradil interaction, we examined the effect of Mibefradil on various recombinant Ca2+ channels expressed in mammalian cells from their cloned cDNAs, using Ca2+ as the permeant ion at physiological concentration. Expression of alpha1A, alpha1C, and alpha1E in tsA 201 cells resulted in Ca2+ currents with functional characteristics closely related to those of their native counterparts. Mibefradil blocked alpha1A and alpha1E with a Kd comparable to that reported for \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels, but had a lower affinity (approximately 30-fold) for alpha1C. For each channel, inhibition by Mibefradil was consistent with high-affinity binding to the inactivated state. Modulation of the voltage-dependent inactivation properties by the nature of the coexpressed beta subunit or the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* splice variant altered block at the Mibefradil receptor site. Therefore, we conclude that the tissue and sub-cellular localization of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits as well as their specific associations are essential parameters to understand the in vivo effects of Mibefradil.

L5 ANSWER 5 OF 21 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:377851 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 131:29119  
 TITLE: Low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* proteins and cDNAs encoding them and the development of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers  
 INVENTOR(S): Williams, Mark; Stauderman,

Kenneth; Harpold, Michael; Hans, Michael; Urrutia, Arturo; Washburn, Mark S.  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Sibia Neurosciences, Inc., USA  
 SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 171 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXCD2  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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 PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.: US  
 1997-984709 19971203  
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WO 1998-US25671  
 19981203  
 AB CDNAs for alternative splicing forms of the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*type\*\*\* subunit of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* or low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* are cloned and characterized. The cDNAs may be used in the development of systems for screening for effectors of the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* for therapeutic use. Candidate clones were first generated by PCR using degenerate primers targeted against sequences encoding conserved regions of the protein. A series of overlapping cDNAs encoding two .alpha.1H subtypes were obtained and full-length cDNAs constructed. The electrophysiol. and pharmacol. of the channels was studied in Xenopus oocytes.

L5 ANSWER 6 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 3  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999127945 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99127945  
 TITLE: Structure and functional characterization of a novel human low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
 AUTHOR: Williams M E; Washburn M S; Hans M; Urrutia A; Brust P F; Prodanovich P; Harpold M M; Stauderman K A  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: SIBIA Neurosciences Inc., La Jolla, California 92037, USA.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF NEUROCHEMISTRY, (1999 Feb) 72 (2) 791-9.  
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 OTHER SOURCE: GENBANK-AF073931

ENTRY MONTH: 199904

AB We have isolated and characterized overlapping cDNAs encoding a novel,

voltage-gated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunit, alpha1H, from a human medullary thyroid carcinoma cell line. The alpha1H subunit is structurally similar to previously described \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits. Northern blot analysis indicates that alpha1H mRNA is expressed throughout the brain, primarily in the amygdala, caudate nucleus, and putamen, as well as in several nonneuronal tissues, with relatively high levels in the liver, kidney, and heart. Ba<sup>2+</sup> currents recorded from human embryonic kidney 293 cells transiently expressing alpha1H activated at relatively hyperpolarized potentials (-50 mV), rapidly inactivated (tau = 17 ms), and slowly deactivated. Similar results were observed in Xenopus oocytes expressing alpha1H. Single-channel measurements in human embryonic kidney 293 cells revealed a single-channel conductance of approximately 9 pS. These channels are blocked by Ni<sup>2+</sup> (IC<sub>50</sub> = 6.6 microM) and the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channel \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* mibefradil (approximately 50% block at 1 microM) and amiloride (IC<sub>50</sub> = 167 microM). Thus, alpha1H-containing channels exhibit biophysical and pharmacological properties characteristic of low voltage-activated, or \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* , Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels.

L5 ANSWER 7 OF 21 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS DUPLICATE 4

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:85729 BIOSIS DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV20000085729 TITLE: Determinants of voltage-dependent inactivation affect

Mibefradil block of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* AUTHOR(S): Jimenez, Cristina; Bourinet, Emmanuel; Leuranguer, Valerie; Richard, Sylvain; Snutch, Terry P.; Nargeot, Joel (1) CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Institut de Genetique Humaine, CNRS UPR1142, 141 Rue de la Cardonille, 34396, Montpellier Cedex 5 France SOURCE: Neuropharmacology, (Dec. 17, 1999) Vol. 39, No. 1, pp. 1-10. ISSN: 0028-3908.

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB The voltage gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* family is a major target for a range of therapeutic drugs. Mibefradil (Ro 40-5967) belongs to a new chemical class of these molecules which differs from other Ca<sup>2+</sup>

\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* by its ability to potently block \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels. However, this molecule has also been shown to inhibit other Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel subtypes. To further analyze the mechanism governing the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel-Mibefradil interaction, we examined the effect of Mibefradil on various recombinant Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed in mammalian cells from their cloned cDNAs, using Ca<sup>2+</sup> as the permeant ion at physiological concentration. Expression of alpha1A, alpha1C and alpha1E in tsA 201 cells resulted in Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents with functional characteristics closely related to those of their native counterparts. Mibefradil blocked alpha1A and alpha1E with a K<sub>d</sub> comparable to that reported for \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels, but had a lower affinity

(apprx30-fold) for alpha1C. For each channel, inhibition by Mibefradil was consistent with high-affinity binding to the inactivated state. Modulation of the voltage-dependent inactivation properties by the nature of the coexpressed beta subunit or the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* splice variant altered block at the Mibefradil receptor site. Therefore, we conclude that the tissue and sub-cellular localization of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits as well as their specific associations are essential parameters to understand the in vivo effects of Mibefradil.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:866265

SCISEARCH

THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 136YV

TITLE: Selective peptide \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* of the class E

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* from the venom of the

tarantula *Hysteroecrates gigas*

AUTHOR: Newcomb R (Reprint); Szoke B;

Palma A; Wang G; Chen X H;

Hopkins W; Cong R; Miller J; Urge L;

Tarczy-Hornoch K; Loo

J A; Dooley D J; Nadasdi L; Tsien R W;

Lemos J; Miljanich

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WASHINGTON, DC 20036.

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FILE SEGMENT: LIFE

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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE

ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*

AB We describe the first potent and selective

blocker of the class E

Ca<sup>2+</sup>-channel. SNX-482, a novel 41 amino acid

peptide present in the venom

of the African tarantula, *Hysteroecrates gigas*, was

identified through its

ability to inhibit human class E Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels stably

expressed in a

mammalian cell line. An IC<sub>50</sub> of 15-30 nM was

obtained for block of the

class E Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel, using either patch clamp

electrophysiology or

K<sup>+</sup>-evoked Ca<sup>2+</sup> flux. At low nanomolar

concentrations, SNX-482 also blocked

a native resistant or R-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current in rat

neurohypophyseal nerve

terminals, but concentrations of 200-500 nM had no

effect on R-type Ca<sup>2+</sup>

cut-rites in several types of rat central neurons. The

peptide has the

sequence

GVDKAGCRYMFGGCSVNDCCPRLGCHSLFSY

CAWDLTFSD-OH and is homologous to

the spider peptides grammatxin S1A and hanatoxin,

both peptides with very

different ion channel blocking selectivities. No

effect of SNX-482 was observed on the following ion channel activities: Na<sup>+</sup> or K<sup>+</sup> currents in several cultured cell types (up to 500 nM); K<sup>+</sup> current through cloned potassium channels Kv1.1 and Kv1.4 expressed in Xenopus oocytes (up to 140 nM); Ca<sup>2+</sup> flux through L- and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels in an anterior pituitary cell line (GH3, up to 500 nM); and Ba<sup>2+</sup> current through class A Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed in Xenopus oocytes (up to 280 nM). A weak effect was noted on Ca<sup>2+</sup> current through expressed class B Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels (IC<sub>50</sub> > 500 nM). The unique selectivity of SNX-482 suggests its usefulness in studying the diversity, function, and pharmacology of class E and/or R-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels.

L5 ANSWER 9 OF 21 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 5

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998420198 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98420198

TITLE: Mechanisms of spontaneous cytosolic

Ca<sup>2+</sup> transients in

differentiated human neuronal cells.

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Matschinsky F M; Lee V M;

Wolf B A

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USA.

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LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 199812

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AB We have studied Ca<sup>2+</sup> homeostasis in a unique

model of human neurons, the

NT2N cell, which differentiates from a human

teratocarcinoma cell line,

NTera2/C1.D1 by retinoic acid treatment. When

perfused with Krebs-HEPES

buffer containing 2.5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, fura-2 loaded

NT2N cells produced

spontaneous cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup> oscillations, or Ca<sup>2+</sup>

transients. These

cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup> transients were not blocked by

\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* of

glutamate (6-cyano-7-nitroquinoxaline-2,3-dione and

D(-)-2-amino-5-

phosphonopentanoic acid) or muscarinic (atropine)

receptors. Omission of

extracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> completely abolished Ca<sup>2+</sup>

oscillations and decreased

the average Ca<sup>2+</sup> level from 106 +/- 14 nM to 59 +/-

8 nM. Addition of the

L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel blocker nifedipine (1 or 10

microM) or of the N-type

inhibitor omega-conotoxin GVIA (5 microM)

significantly, although

incompletely, suppressed Ca<sup>2+</sup> oscillations, while

omega-conotoxin MVIIC (5

microM), a selective \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* of P- and

Q-channels, had no

effect. Ni<sup>2+</sup>, at 100 microM, a concentration

selective for \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* channels, did not inhibit Ca<sup>2+</sup>

transients. Non-specific

blockage of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels by higher concentrations

of Ni<sup>2+</sup> (2-5 mM) or

Co<sup>2+</sup> (1 mM) abolished Ca<sup>2+</sup> oscillations

completely. The endoplasmic

reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase inhibitor, thapsigargin (1

microM), slightly

decreased Ca<sup>2+</sup> oscillation frequency, and induced a small transitory increase in the average cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration. The mRNAs of L- (alpha1D subunit) and N-type (alpha1B subunit) Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel were present in NT2N cells, while that of a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel (\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* -subunit) was not present in the NT2N cells as shown by reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction. In conclusion, NT2N neuronal cells generate cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup> oscillations mainly by influx of extracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> through multiple channels, which include L- and N-type channels, and do not require activation of glutamate or muscarinic receptors.

L5 ANSWER 10 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 6  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999055409 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99055409  
 TITLE: Voltage dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in mammalian spermatozoa.  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: ES 06100 (NIEHS)  
 SOURCE: FRONTIERS IN BIOSCIENCE, (1998 Dec 1) 3 D1220-40. Ref: 254  
 Journal code: CUE. ISSN: 1093-4715.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 General Review; (REVIEW)  
 (REVIEW, ACADEMIC)

LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199903  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19990301  
 AB Calcium influx is an absolute requirement for the physiological acrosome reaction in sperm from all sources examined, both invertebrate and mammalian. Pharmacological studies suggest that the major channel in the sperm head plasma membrane responsible for modulating calcium entry and intracellular ionized calcium levels could be either an L-type (a class of high voltage-activated) or a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* (low voltage-activated) voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*. Patch clamp analysis of calcium currents in immature spermatogenic cells demonstrates the presence of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents. Therefore, an argument has been put forth that the acrosome reaction of ejaculated sperm is regulated by a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*. However, indirect analysis of calcium currents in mature sperm after transfer of ion channels to planar lipid bilayers detects three current types, including that similar, but not identical, to an L-type channel, but no \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents. Molecular cloning of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* pore forming subunit of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* expressed in the male reproductive tract and in ejaculated sperm has resolved this controversy, demonstrating the existence of only high voltage-activated channels. Further analysis of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* subunit isoform from rat and human testis and sperm suggests that, as a result of

alternate splicing, this L-type \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* subunit could produce calcium currents that were T-like, e.g., transient, rapidly inactivating with slow deactivation. Multiple splice variants of this isoform were detected in human testis, suggesting a correlation with intra-individual variation in the ability of sperm to undergo an induced acrosome reaction and with male infertility. These variants could be developed as useful biomarkers for susceptibility to environmental and occupational toxicants. Knowledge of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* structure will also contribute to design of new male contraceptives based on existing \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*.

L5 ANSWER 11 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 7  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998355943 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98355943  
 TITLE: Electrophysiological properties of neonatal rat ventricular myocytes with \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenergic-induced hypertrophy.  
 AUTHOR: Gaughan J P; Hefner C A; Houser S R  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140, USA.  
 SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY, (1998 Aug) 275 (2 Pt 2) H577-90.  
 Journal code: 3U8. ISSN: 0002-9513.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199811  
 AB The electrophysiology of neonatal rat ventricular myocytes with and without hypertrophy has not been characterized. The \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenergic \*\*\*agonist\*\*\* phenylephrine induced hypertrophy in neonatal rat ventricular myocytes. After 48 h of exposure to 20 microM phenylephrine, cell surface area of hypertrophied myocytes was 44% larger than control. Action potential duration was significantly longer in hypertrophy than in control. There was an increase in L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current in control after 48 h in culture, but current density was significantly less in hypertrophy (-4.7 +/- 0.8 hypertrophy vs. -10.7 +/- 1.2 control pA/pF, n = 22, P < 0.05). \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> current density was not different. The alpha-adrenergic \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* prazosin blocked the hypertrophy and the chronic effect of phenylephrine on L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current. Transient outward K<sup>+</sup> current density was decreased 70% in hypertrophy and was blocked with 4-aminopyridine. No change in Na<sup>+</sup> current density was observed. Staurosporine, a protein kinase C inhibitor, eliminated the hypertrophy and the effect on L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current. These studies showed that phenylephrine-induced hypertrophy occurred via the \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenergic pathway and caused electrophysiological changes and effects on ion channel expression.

L5 ANSWER 12 OF 21 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:53497 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV19990053497  
 TITLE: The safety of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers.

AUTHOR(S): Massie, Barry M. (1)  
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 SOURCE: Clinical Cardiology, (Dec., 1998) Vol. 21, No. 12 SUPPL. 2, pp. II12-II17.  
 ISSN: 0160-9289.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers are widely used as an effective treatment for hypertension and angina. Several studies have raised questions about their safety, suggesting that \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers can increase the rates of myocardial infarction (MI) and death, particularly in patients with heart disease. Reviews of these studies have uncovered serious methodological shortcomings or have found them restricted to short-acting drugs, frequently at high doses or used inappropriately. One study was based on old data regarding only short-acting nifedipine, which has never been indicated for patients who have suffered an MI or unstable angina. A case-control study of short-acting verapamil, diltiazem, and nifedipine suggested an increased MI rate was confounded by the higher rates of diabetes and preexisting heart disease in the patients treated with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers. A third study reported significantly decreased survival only in patients taking short-acting nifedipine; in most of the cases reported, blood pressure was not controlled. While these studies alert us to the limitations of short-acting \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers and the necessity of considering side effects such as neurohormonal stimulation, a number of more recent, better-controlled studies have not confirmed increased risk with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers when appropriately employed. \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers should still be considered first-line therapy in appropriately selected patients with hypertension or angina.

L5 ANSWER 13 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 8  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96018848 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96018848  
 TITLE: Voltage-dependent blockade of diverse types of voltage-gated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed in Xenopus oocytes by the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* mibefradil (Ro 40-5967).  
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Stanford University Medical Center, California 94305, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: NS24067 (NINDS)  
 HL07740-02 (NHLBI)  
 SOURCE: MOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY, (1995 Sep) 48 (3) 540-9.  
 Journal code: NGR. ISSN: 0026-895X.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199601  
 AB Four different types of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* subunits, representing the major classes of voltage-gated Ca<sup>2+</sup>

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channels, were individually coexpressed along with alpha 2/delta and beta 2b subunits in *Xenopus* oocytes. These subunits (and the encoded channel types and major tissues of origin) included alpha 1C (L-type, cardiac), alpha 1B (N-type, central nervous system), alpha 1A (P/Q-type, central nervous system), and alpha 1E (most likely R-type, central nervous system). Divalent cation currents through these channels (5 mM Ba<sup>2+</sup>) were evaluated with the two-microelectrode voltage-clamp technique. The expressed channels were compared with regard to their responses to a structurally novel, nondihydropyridine compound, mibefradil (Ro 40-5967). In the micromolar concentration range, this drug exerted clear inhibitory effects on each of the four channel types, reducing divalent cation current at all test potentials, with the non-L-type channels being more sensitive to inhibition than the L-type channels under fixed experimental conditions. For all channel types, mibefradil was a much more effective inhibitor at more depolarized holding potentials, suggesting tighter binding of the drug to the inactivated state than to the resting state. The difference in apparent affinities of resting and inactivated states of the channels, calculated based on a modulated receptor hypothesis, was 30-70-fold. In addition, the time course of decay of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel current was accelerated in the presence of drug, consistent with open channel block. The effect of increasing stimulation frequency was tested for L-type channels and was found to greatly enhance the degree of inhibition by mibefradil, consistent with promotion of block by channel opening and inactivation. Allowing for state-dependent interactions, the drug concentrations found to block L-, N-, Q-, and R-type channels by 50% are at least 10-fold higher than half-blocking levels previously reported for ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ channels in vascular smooth muscle cells under similar experimental conditions. This may help explain the ability of the drug to spare working myocardium (strongly negative resting potential, dominance of L-type channels in their resting state) while reducing contraction in blood vessels (presumably involving ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ channels or partially inactivated L-type channels). Thus, mibefradil is a new addition to the family of nonselective organic Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel inhibitors, as exemplified by bepridil and fluspirilene, and may prove useful as an experimental tool for studying diverse physiological events initiated by Ca<sup>2+</sup> influx. It complements classes of drugs with relatively selective effects on L-type channels, as exemplified by nifedipine and diltiazem.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95:30249 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: PX343  
 TITLE: THE CA<sup>++</sup>-CHANNEL BLOCKER RO-40-5967 BLOCKS DIFFERENTIALLY ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ AND L-TYPE CA<sup>++</sup> CHANNELS  
 AUTHOR: MEHRKE G; ZONG X G (Reprint); FLOCKERZI V; HOFMANN F  
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 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: GERMANY  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (DEC 1994) Vol. 271, No. 3, pp. 1483-1488.  
 ISSN: 0022-3565.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH  
 REFERENCE COUNT: 32  
 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
 AB The effects of Ro 40-5967, a nondihydropyridine Ca<sup>++</sup> channel blocker, on low-voltage activated (~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ - ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~) and high-voltage activated (L-type) Ca<sup>++</sup> channels were compared. L-type barium currents were measured in Chinese hamster ovary cells stably transfected with the ~~\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*~~ (~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~) subunit of the class Cb Ca<sup>++</sup> channel ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~ barium currents were investigated in human medullary thyroid carcinoma cells. The Ba<sup>++</sup> currents of human medullary thyroid carcinoma cells were transient, activated at a threshold potential of -50 mV with the maximum at -14 +/- 3.2 mV and blocked by micromolar Ni<sup>++</sup>. The T- and L-type current inactivated with time constants of 33.4 +/- 4.1 and 416 +/- 26 msec at maximum barium currents, respectively. Ro 40-5967 inhibited reversibly the T- and L-type currents with IC50 values of 2.7 and 18.6 mu M, respectively. The inhibition of the L-type current was voltage-dependent, whereas that of the ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ - ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~ current was not. Ro 40-5967 blocked ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ - ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~ current already at a holding potential of -100 mV. The different types of block, i.e., voltage-dependent vs. tonic block, may contribute to the pharmacological profile of Ro 40-5967 in intact animals.

L5 ANSWER 15 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 9  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95088917 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95088917  
 TITLE: Effects of a new class of calcium ~~\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*~~, SR33557 (fantofarone) and SR33805, on neuronal voltage-activated Ca<sup>++</sup> channels.  
 AUTHOR: Romey G; Lazdunski M  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Pharmacologie Moleculaire et Cellulaire, Valbonne, France.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (1994 Dec) 271 (3) 1348-52.  
 Journal code: JP3. ISSN: 0022-3565.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199503  
 AB SR33557 (fantofarone) and SR33805 are structurally novel calcium ~~\*\*\*antagonists\*\*\*~~ that bind selectively to the ~~\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ subunit of the L-type Ca<sup>++</sup> channel at a site distinct from the classical 1,4-dihydropyridine, phenylalkylamine and benzothiazepine sites but in allosteric interactions with them. Blocking effects of fantofarone and SR33805 on the different types of voltage-activated Ca<sup>++</sup> currents have been investigated with the whole-cell patch-clamp method in chick dorsal

root ganglion neurons (for T-, L- and N-type currents) and in rat cerebellar Purkinje neurons (for P-type current) in primary culture. Neuronal L-type Ca<sup>++</sup> channels are blocked totally by fantofarone and SR33805 in the microM range of concentration as in skeletal muscle and cardiac cells at a holding membrane potential of -80 mV. The sequence of efficacy is SR33805 (IC50 = 26 nM) > fantofarone (IC50 = 0.35 microM). N- and P-type channels are not very sensitive to fantofarone and SR33805 (IC50 approximately 5 microM). The ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ - ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~ channel is not affected by these drugs.

L5 ANSWER 16 OF 21 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2001 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95005636 EMBASE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 1995005636  
 TITLE: [Molecular diversity of ~~\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*channels\*\*\*~~ : From gene to function].  
 DIVERSITE MOLECULAIRE DES CANAUX CALCIIQUES: DU GENE A LA FONCTION.  
 AUTHOR: Nargeot J.; Charvet P.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Ct. Rech. Biochimie Macromoleculaire, Cnrs UPR 9008, Inserm U. 249, BP 5051, 34033 Montpellier, France  
 SOURCE: Medecine/Sciences, (1994) 10/12 (1293-1308).  
 ISSN: 0767-0974 CODEN: MSMSE4  
 COUNTRY: France  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review  
 FILE SEGMENT: 029 Clinical Biochemistry 037 Drug Literature Index  
 LANGUAGE: French  
 SUMMARY LANGUAGE: French; English  
 AB Recent studies have revealed the molecular and functional diversity of voltage-gated ~~\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*channels\*\*\*~~ Electrophysiological and pharmacological experiments on various cell types have provided a way of characterizing a Low Voltage Activated (LVA) or ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ - ~~\*\*\*type\*\*\*~~, and several High Voltage Activated (HVA) ~~\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*channels\*\*\*~~. LVA Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels have fast kinetics and no specific ligands while HVA Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels have been identified mainly by the use of specific toxins, and named L, N, P and Q. They are blocked by dihydropyridines, omega-CgT-GVIA, omega-Aga-IVA and omega-CmT-MV1IC, respectively. Biochemical studies have revealed that skeletal muscle Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels are composed of a pore-forming ~~\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ subunit and several associated subunits (alpha.2-, delta-, beta, and gamma). Several ~~\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*T\*\*\*~~ subunits have been cloned from various tissues and are encoded by at least six genes. Their expression in *Xenopus* oocytes or in mammalian cells induces ~~\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*~~ ~~\*\*\*channel\*\*\*~~ currents, the properties of which seem to correspond to the different Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels identified in various cells. However, it has been suggested that further diversity may be provided by the addition of auxiliary subunits and particularly the beta subunits which are thought to be associated to most of the 9a1 subunits. beta subunits encoded by at least four genes (beta.1, beta.2, beta.3, beta.4) expressed in the nervous system and other tissues enhance Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel activity and are able to modify both electrophysiological and pharmacological properties. However, a differential

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effect on calcium current inactivation has been observed between the different isoforms (.beta.1, .beta.2, .beta.3) and their splice variants (.beta.1a, .beta.1b) indicating that multiple Ca2+ channel gating may arise from the expression of different subtypes of .beta. subunits. The implication of Ca2+ channels in pathophysiology has been recently suggested and the genes coding for .

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*]\*\*\* or .beta. subunits are potential candidates in some pathologies. Several autoimmune diseases have also been suggested to involve Ca2+ channels as the targets for antibodies. Moreover, the functional diversity of neuronal Ca2+ channel offers new perspectives in the development of drugs for the treatment of neurologic disorders.

L5 ANSWER 17 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 10  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95055196 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95055196  
 TITLE: The L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channel\*\*\* current is increased by \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*]\*\*\*  
 adrenoceptor activation in neonatal rat ventricular cells.  
 AUTHOR: Liu Q Y; Karpinski E; Pang P K  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (1994 Nov) 271 (2) 935-43.  
 Journal code: JP3. ISSN: 0022-3565.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199502  
 AB The activation of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*]\*\*\* adrenoceptors in adult rat ventricular cells results in the reduction of the transient outward K+ current, but does not affect Ca++ currents. In this study, using neonatal rat ventricular cells, the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*]\*\*\* adrenergic receptor \*\*\*agonist\*\*\* phenylephrine increased the long-lasting (L-type) Ca++ channel current (dihydropyridine-sensitive) and the increase was concentration-dependent. Phenylephrine did not, however, modulate the transient-type ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) Ca++ channel current. The \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*]\*\*\* effect of phenylephrine was reversed or abolished by prazosin, an \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*]\*\*\* \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* . The alpha-2 \*\*\*agonist\*\*\* clonidine had no effect on the L-type current. Yohimbine, an alpha-2 \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* , and propranolol, a beta \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* , did not inhibit the effect of phenylephrine on L-type current. The effect of phenylephrine was abolished by pretreatment with WB4101, an alpha-1A \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* , but not by chloroethylclonidine, an alpha-1B \*\*\*antagonist\*\*\* . In addition, norepinephrine also increased the L-type current in the presence of propranolol and this effect was reversed by washout. These observations suggest that phenylephrine increased the L-type Ca++ channel current specifically through the activation of alpha-1A adrenergic receptors in neonatal rat ventricular myocytes. This may explain in part the increase in the plateau phase of the action potential and the positive inotropic response of the neonatal myocardium to

phenylephrine. This is the first description of an increase in L-type Ca++ current by alpha-1A adrenoceptor activation in neonatal rat ventricular myocytes, and this effect is different from that reported in adult rat myocytes.

L5 ANSWER 18 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 11  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95121362 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95121362  
 TITLE: Effects of two chemically related new Ca2+ channel \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* , SR33557 (fantofarone) and SR33805, on the L-type cardiac channel.  
 AUTHOR: Romey G; Bois P; Lazdunski M  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Pharmacologie Molculaire et Cellulaire, Sophia Antipolis, Valbonne, France..  
 SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY, (1994 Sep 22) 263 (1-2) 101-5.  
 Journal code: EN6. ISSN: 0014-2999.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199504  
 AB Fantofarone (SR33557) is a substituted indolizine and SR33805 is a substituted indole. These drugs have been shown to specifically bind to the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*]\*\*\* subunit of the L-type Ca2+ channel at the same site, distinct from those of the classical 1,4-dihydropyridine, phenylalkylamine or benzothiazepine Ca2+ \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* , but in negative allosteric interaction with them. The present work shows that fantofarone and SR33805 block L-type but not \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels in mouse cardiac cells in primary culture. This block is voltage-dependent. Fantofarone and SR33805 are potent Ca2+ channel blockers in depolarized conditions (i.e. at a holding potential of -40 mV) with an EC50 = 1.4 and 4.1 nM, respectively. In polarized conditions (i.e. at a holding potential of -80 mV), SR33805 is a better Ca2+ channel blocker (EC50 = 33 nM) than fantofarone (EC50 = 0.15 microM). Therefore differences in their chemical structures make the blocking action of fantofarone more sensitive to voltage than that of SR33805.

L5 ANSWER 19 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 12  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 94150810 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94150810  
 TITLE: Distinctive pharmacology and kinetics of cloned neuronal Ca2+ channels and their possible counterparts in mammalian CNS neurons.  
 AUTHOR: Zhang J F; Randall A D; Ellinor P T; Horne W A; Sather W A; Tanabe T; Schwarz T L; Tsien R W  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Stanford University Medical Center, CA 94305.  
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 SOURCE: NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, (1993 Nov) 32 (11) 1075-88. Ref: 40  
 Journal code: NZB. ISSN: 0028-3908.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 General Review; (REVIEW, TUTORIAL)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199405  
 AB This paper provides a brief overview of the diversity of voltage-gated

Ca2+ channels and our recent work on neuronal Ca2+ channels with novel pharmacological and biophysical properties that distinguish them from L, N, or \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels. The Ca2+ channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*]\*\*\* subunit known as alpha 1A or BI [Mori Y., Friedrich T., Kim M.-S., Mikami A., Nakai J., Ruth P., Bosse E., Hofmann F., Flockerzi V., Furuichi T., Mikoshiba K., Imoto K., Tanabe T. and Numa S. (1991) Nature 350, 398-402] is generally assumed to encode the P-type Ca2+ channel. However, we find that alpha 1A expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes differs from P-type channels in its kinetics of inactivation and its degree of sensitivity to block by the peptide toxins omega-Aga-IVA and omega-CTx-MVIIIC [Sather W. A., Tanabe T., Zhang J.-F., Mori Y., Adams M. E. and Tsien R. W. (1993) Neuron 11, 291-303]. Thus, alpha 1A is capable of generating a Ca2+ channel with characteristics quite distinct from P-type channels. Doe-1, recently cloned from the forebrain of a marine ray, is another \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*]\*\*\* subunit which exemplifies a different branch of the Ca2+ channel family tree [Horne W. A., Ellinor P. T., Inman I., Zhou M., Tsien R. W. and Schwarz T. L. (1993) Proc. Natn. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 90, 3787-3791]. When expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes, doe-1 forms a high voltage-activated (HVA) Ca2+ channel [Ellinor P. T., Zhang J.-F., Randall A. D., Zhou M., Schwarz T. L., Tsien R. W. and Horne W. (1993) Nature 363, 455-458]. It inactivates more rapidly than any previously expressed \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* and is not blocked by dihydropyridine \*\*\*antagonists\*\*\* or omega-Aga-IVA. Doe-1 current is reduced by omega-CTx-GVIA, but the inhibition is readily reversible and requires micromolar toxin, in contrast to this toxin's potent and irreversible block of N-type channels. Doe-1 shows considerable sensitivity to block by Ni2+ or Cd2+. We have identified components of Ca2+ channel current in rat cerebellar granule neurons with kinetic and pharmacological features similar to alpha 1A and doe-1 in oocytes [Randall A. D., Wendland B., Schweizer F., Miljanich G., Adams M. E. and Tsien R. W. (1993) Soc. Neurosci. Abstr. 19, 1478]. The doe-1-like component (R-type current) inactivates much more quickly than L, N or P-type channels, and also differs significantly in its pharmacology. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)

L5 ANSWER 20 OF 21 MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 89130135 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 89130135  
 TITLE: Modulation of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in cardiac and neuronal cells by an endogenous peptide.  
 AUTHOR: Callewaert G; Hanbauer I; Morad M  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 19104.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: HL16152 (NHLBI)  
 SOURCE: SCIENCE, (1989 Feb 3) 243 (4891) 663-6.  
 Journal code: UJ7. ISSN: 0036-8075.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 198905



AB \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* mediate the generation of action potentials, pacemaking, excitation-contraction coupling, and secretion and signal integration in muscle, secretory, and neuronal cells. The physiological regulation of the L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* is thought to be mediated primarily by guanine nucleotide-binding proteins (G proteins). A low molecular weight endogenous peptide has been isolated and purified from rat brain. This peptide regulates up and down the cardiac and neuronal \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*, respectively. In cardiac myocytes, the peptide-induced enhancement of the L-type calcium current had a slow onset (half-time approximately 75 seconds), occurred via a G protein-independent mechanism, and could not be inhibited by \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*-adrenergic, beta-adrenergic, or angiotensin II blockers. In neuronal cells, on the other hand, the negative effect had a rapid onset (half-time less than 500 milliseconds) and was observed on both \*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\* and L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*.

L5 ANSWER 21 OF 21 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 89301359 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 89301359  
TITLE: \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* reconstituted from the skeletal muscle dihydropyridine receptor protein complex and its \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*-peptide subunit in lipid bilayers.  
AUTHOR: Pelzer D; Grant A O; Cavalie A; Pelzer S; Sieber M; Hofmann F; Trautwein W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: II. Physiologisches Institut, Medizinische Fakultät, Universität des Saarlandes, Homburg/Saar, Federal Republic of Germany.  
SOURCE: ANNALS OF THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, (1989) 560 138-54.  
Journal code: 5NM. ISSN: 0077-8923.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 198910  
AB In the first part of this study, we show that sDHPR and pDHPR preparations reconstituted into lipid bilayers formed on the tips of patch pipettes exhibit two divalent cation-selective conductance levels of 9 and 20 pS, similar in single-channel conductance to VSCC reported in a variety of intact preparations (see Pelzer et al. and Tsien et al. for review). The larger conductance level is similar to the VSCC identified in intact rat t-tubule membranes and described in sDHPR and pDHPR preparations, and shares many properties in common with activity from L-type VSCC. It is sensitive to augmentation by the DHP \*\*\*agonist\*\*\* (+/-)-BAY K 8644 and cAMP-dependent phosphorylation, and to block by the phenylalkylamine (+/-)-D600 and the inorganic blocker CoCl2. Its open-state probability and open times are increased upon depolarization as expected for a voltage-dependent activation process. Upon depolarization beyond the reversal potential, however, open-state probability and open times decline again. A reasonable way to explain the bell-shaped

dependence of open times and open-state probability on membrane potential is to assume voltage-dependent ion-pore interactions that produce closing of the channel at strong negative and positive membrane potentials. By contrast, the smaller conductance level may be similar to the 10.6-pS t-tubule VSCC described by Rosenberg et al. and may best be compared with \*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\* VSCC. It is largely resistant to augmentation by (+/-)-BAY K 8644 and cAMP-dependent phosphorylation or block by (+/-)-D600, but is sensitive to block by CoCl2. Its open times and open-state probability show a sole dependence on membrane potential where depolarization increases both parameters sigmoidally from close to zero up to a saturating level. Both elementary conductance levels do not exhibit significant inactivation over a wide potential range, which may suggest that skeletal muscle VSCC inactivation is either poorly or not voltage-dependent at all. This possibility seems in agreement with bilayer recordings on reconstituted intact t-tubule membranes and voltage-clamp recordings on intact fibers. It supports the idea that the decline of Ca2+ current in intact skeletal muscle fibers may be due to Ca2+ depletion from the t-tubule system and/or to inactivation induced by Ca2+ release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum. We consistently observe two conductance levels of 9 and 20 pS, either singly, or together in the same bilayer from solubilized DHPR samples and even highly purified DHPR preparations.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)

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L3 216 S L2 AND (ALPHA-1 OR ALPHA 1 OR ALPHA1)  
L4 51 S L3 AND (AGONIST# OR ANTAGONIST#)  
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L6 ANSWER 1 OF 104 SCISEARCH COPYRIGHT 2001 ISI (R)  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:83752 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 392UL  
TITLE: Alternative splicing in intracellular loop connecting domains II and III of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* (\*\*\*type\*\*\* ) subunit of Ca(v)1.2 Ca2+ channels predicts two-domain polypeptides with unique C-terminal tails  
AUTHOR: Wielowieyski P A; Wigle J T; Salih M; Hum P; Tuana B S (Reprint)  
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COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: Canada  
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Publisher: AMER SOC BIOCHEMISTRY MOLECULAR BIOLOGY INC, 9650 ROCKVILLE PIKE, BETHESDA, MD 20814 USA.  
ISSN: 0021-9258.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
REFERENCE COUNT: 70  
\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB Novel splice variants of the Lu, subunit of the Ca(v)1.2 voltage-gated Ca2+ channel were identified that predicted two truncated forms of the or, subunit comprising domains I and II generated by alternative splicing in the intracellular loop region linking domains II and III. In rabbit heart splice variant 1 (RH-1), exon 19 was deleted, which resulted in a reading frameshift of exon 20 with a premature termination codon and a novel 19-amino acid carboxyl-terminal tail. In the RH-2 variant, exons 17 and 18 were deleted, leading to a reading frameshift of exons 19 and 20 with a premature stop codon and a novel 62-amino acid carboxyl-terminal tail. RNase protection assays with RH-1 and RH-2 cRNA probes confirmed the expression in cardiac and neuronal tissue but not skeletal muscle. The deduced amino acid sequence from full-length cDNAs encoding the two variants predicted polypeptides of 99.0 and 99.2 kDa, which constituted domains I and II of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* (\*\*\*type\*\*\* ), subunit of the Ca(v)1.2 channel. Antipeptide antibodies directed to sequences in the second intracellular loop between domains II and III identified the 240-kDa Ca(v)1.2 subunit in sarcolemmal and heavy sarcoplasmic reticulum (HSR) membranes and a 99-kDa polypeptide in the HSR. An antipeptide antibody raised against unique sequences in the RH-2 variant also identified a 99-kDa polypeptide in the HSR. These data reveal the expression of additional Ca2+ channel structural units generated by alternative splicing of the Ca(v)1.2 gene.

L6 ANSWER 2 OF 104 WPIDS COPYRIGHT 2001 DERWENT INFORMATION LTD  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000-271475 [23]  
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DOC. NO. CPI: C2000-082967  
TITLE: Novel nucleic acids encoding pancreatic \*\*\*type\*\*\*. \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* used for regulation of \*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* and treatment of type II diabetes.  
DERWENT CLASS: B04D16  
INVENTOR(S): LI, M  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): (SALA-N) SOUTH ALABAMA MEDICAL SCI FOUND  
COUNTRY COUNT: 83  
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AN 2000-271475 [23] WPIDS

AB WO 200015845 A UPAB: 20000516

NOVELTY - An isolated pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** (I) is new.  
DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT

CLAIMS are also included for the

following:

(1) an isolated nucleic acid molecule (NAM) (II) encoding (I);

(2) an antisense NAM (III) complementary to

(II);

(3) a cell comprising (III);

(4) an expression vector comprising (III);

(5) a method (A) of decreasing expression of a (I) in a host cell;

(6) a ribozyme (IV) having a recognition

sequence complementary to a

portion of (II);

(7) a cell comprising (IV);

(8) an expression vector comprising (IV);

(9) a cell comprising (II);

(10) an expression vector comprising (II);

(11) a method (B) of increasing expression of (II) in a host cell,

comprising introducing (I) into the cell;

(12) a method (C) of screening a substance for the ability to modify

the function of (I);

(13) a method (D) of obtaining DNA encoding

(II) (14) a DNA oligomer capable of hybridizing to

(I); (15) a method (E) of detecting presence of a pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** in a sample,

(16) an antibody (V) specific for (II); and

(17) a method of detecting the presence of (I) in a sample,

comprising contacting the sample with (V) and

detecting the complex

formed.

ACTIVITY - antidiabetic.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - The polypeptide functions as a pancreatic

**\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channel\*\*\***

USE - The pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** polynucleotides and polypeptides are used for treating

diseases associated with abnormal expression or

function of **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***. They are especially

used for treating type II diabetes (claimed). They are used in methods for

modifying insulin secretion by pancreatic beta cells, for modifying basal

calcium levels in cells, for modifying the action of potential L type

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\*** in cells, for modifying pancreatic cell

death, for modifying pancreatic beta cell proliferation, and for modifying

calcium influx through L type **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channels\*\*\*** in

cells (all claimed). The polypeptides are used to

produce antibodies,

which can be used in assays to identify cells or

tissues which express

pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***

, or for detecting pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channels\*\*\*** in samples. Antisense sequences

and ribozymes can be used

to decrease expression of pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***. Inhibitors

and antagonists (identified

using the polypeptides of the invention) can be used

to decrease the

activity of pancreatic **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channels\*\*\***.

ADVANTAGE - No stated advantage given in the specification.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure

is a schematic illustration

representing the partial rat genomic nucleotide

composition between

domains III and IV. Genomic DNA contained an

exon specific to alpha 1G

(shaded circle) and an exon specific to the

**\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*I\*\*\***

subunit of **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** Ca2+

deduced from INS-1 (shaded

rectangle). Other exons (open rectangles) are

identical between the two

cDNAs. The bold letters indicate the nucleotide

coding Gly1667.

Dwg. 1b/25

L6 ANSWER 3 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:334427 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000334427

TITLE: Molecular and functional properties of the human alpha1G

subunit that forms **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***.

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Bourinet, Emmanuel;

Mennessier, Gerard; Lory, Philippe (1);

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB We describe here several novel properties of the

human alpha1G subunit

that forms **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***

. The partial intron/exon structure of the

corresponding gene CACNA1G was

defined and several alpha1G isoforms were

identified, especially two

isoforms that exhibit a distinct III-IV loop:

alpha1G-a and alpha1G-b.

Northern blot and dot blot analyses indicated that

alpha1G mRNA is

predominantly expressed in the brain, especially in

thalamus, cerebellum,

and substantia nigra. Additional experiments have

also provided evidence

that alpha1G mRNA is expressed at a higher level

during fetal life in

nonneuronal tissues (i.e. kidney, heart, and lung).

Functional expression

in HEK 293 cells of a full-length cDNA encoding

the shortest alpha1G

isoform identified to date, alpha1G-b, resulted in

transient, low

threshold activated Ca2+ currents with the expected

permeability ratio

(ISr > ICa gtoreq IBa) and channel conductance

(apprx7 pS). These

properties, together with slowly deactivating tail

currents, are typical

of those of native **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** Ca2+

channels. This

alpha1G-related current was inhibited by mibefradil

(IC50 = 2 muM) and

weakly blocked by Ni2+ ions (IC50 = 148 muM)

and amiloride (IC50 > 1 mM).

We showed that steady state activation and

inactivation properties of this

current can generate a "window current" in the range

of -65 to -55 mV.

Using neuronal action potential waveforms, we show

that alpha1G channels

produce a massive and sustained Ca2+ influx due to

their slow deactivation

properties. These latter properties would account for

the specificity of

Ca2+ influx via **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** channels

that occurs in the

range of physiological resting membrane potentials,

differing considerably

from the behavior of other Ca2+ channels.

L6 ANSWER 4 OF 104 EMBASE COPYRIGHT

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000122674 EMBASE

TITLE: pH modification of human **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\***

**\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** gating.

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FILE SEGMENT: 002 Physiology

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Instrumentation

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB External pH (pH(o)) modifies **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\*** **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\***

**\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** gating and permeation properties.

The mechanisms of

**\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** channel modulation by

pH remain unclear because

native currents are small and are contaminated with

L- type calcium

currents. Heterologous expression of the human

cloned **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** -

**\*\*\*type\*\*\*** channel, .alpha.1H, enables us to

determine the effect of

changing pH on isolated **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\***

calcium currents.

External acidification from pH(o) 8.2 to pH(o) 5.5

shifts the midpoint

potential (V(1/2)) for steady-state inactivation by 11

mV, shifts the

V(1/2) for maximal activation by 40 mV, and

reduces the voltage dependence

of channel activation. The .alpha.1H reversal

potential (E(rev)) shifts

from +49 mV at pH(o) 8.2 to +36 mV at pH(o) 5.5.

The maximal macroscopic

conductance (G(max)) of . **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\***

**\*\*\*I\*\*\*** H increases at pH(o)

5.5 compared to pH(o) 8.2. The E(rev) and G(max)

data taken together

suggest that external protons decrease

calcium/monovalent ion relative

permeability. In response to a sustained

depolarization .alpha.1H currents

inactivate with a single exponential function. The

macroscopic

inactivation time constant is a steep function of

voltage for potentials <

-30 mV at pH(o) 8.2. At pH(o) 5.5 the voltage

dependence of .tau.(inact)



shifts more depolarized, and is also a more gradual function of voltage.

The macroscopic deactivation time constant ( $\tau_{\text{deact}}$ ) is a function of voltage at the potentials tested. At pH(o) 5.5 the voltage dependence of  $\tau_{\text{deact}}$  is simply transposed by approx. 40 mV, without a concomitant change in the voltage dependence. Similarly, the delay in recovery from inactivation at  $V(\text{rec})$  of -80 mV in pH(o) 5.5 is similar to that with a  $V(\text{rec})$  of -120 mV at pH(o) 8.2. We conclude that  $\alpha 1\text{H}$  is uniquely modified by pH(o) compared to other **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***. Protons do not block  $\alpha 1\text{H}$  current. Rather, a proton-induced change in activation gating accounts for most of the change in current magnitude with acidification.

L6 ANSWER 5 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:240714 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000240714  
TITLE: Regulation of the **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\***

$\alpha 1\text{G}$  subunit by divalent cations and organic blockers.  
AUTHOR(S): Lacinova, L. (1); Klugbauer, N.; Hofmann, F.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Institut fuer Pharmakologie und Toxikologie, Technischen Universitaet Muenchen, Biedersteiner Str. 29, 80802, Muenchen Germany  
SOURCE: Neuropharmacology, (April 27, 2000) Vol. 39, No. 7, pp. 1254-1266.  
ISSN: 0028-3908.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB The pharmacological properties of the expressed murine **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** **\*\*\*type\*\*\***  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  channel were characterized using the whole cell patch clamp configuration.  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  were used as charge carriers. Both  $\text{IBa}$  and  $\text{ICa}$  were blocked by  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  with  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values of  $0.47 \pm 0.04$  and  $1.13 \pm 0.06$  mM ( $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ) and  $162 \pm 13$  and  $658 \pm 23$   $\mu\text{M}$  ( $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ), respectively.  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , but not  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ , modified the gating of channel activation.  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  consistently accelerated channel deactivation while  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  had a similar effect only on  $\text{ICa}$ . The  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  channel was potentially blocked by mibefradil in a dose- and voltage-dependent manner.  $\text{IBa}$  was moderately blocked by phenytoin ( $\text{IC}_{50}$   $73.9 \pm 1.9$   $\mu\text{M}$ ) and was resistant to the block by valproate. Also 3 mM ethosuximide blocked 20 and 35% of the  $\text{IBa}$  at a HP of -100 and -60 mV, respectively, while 5 mM amiloride inhibited  $\text{IBa}$  by 38% and significantly slowed current activation. The  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  channel was not affected by 10  $\mu\text{M}$  tetrodotoxin. Both 1  $\mu\text{M}$  (+)isradipine and 10  $\mu\text{M}$  nifedipine inhibited 18 and 14% of  $\text{IBa}$  amplitude at a HP of -100 mV, and 23% and 29% of  $\text{IBa}$  amplitude at a HP of -60 mV, respectively. The  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  current was minimally activated by 1  $\mu\text{M}$  Bay K 8644.

L6 ANSWER 6 OF 104 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000225542 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20225542  
TITLE: Neuronal distribution and functional characterization of the **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\***  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  subunit.  
AUTHOR: Hobom M; Dai S; Marais E; Lacinova L; Hofmann F; Klugbauer

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CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut für Pharmakologie und Toxikologie der Technischen Universität München, Germany.  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE, (2000 Apr) 12 (4) 1217-26.  
Journal code: BYG. ISSN: 0953-816X.  
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Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 200008  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000804  
AB The auxiliary **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\***  $\alpha 2\text{delta}$  subunit comprises a family of three genes,  $\alpha 2\text{delta-1}$  to 3, which are expressed in a tissue-specific manner.  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  mRNA is found in the heart, skeletal muscle, brain, kidney, liver and pancreas. We report here for the first time the identification and functional characterization of  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  splice variants and their mRNA distribution in the mouse brain. The splice variants differ in the  $\alpha 2$  and  $\text{delta}$  protein by eight and three amino acid residues, respectively, and are differentially expressed in cardiac tissue and human medullary thyroid carcinoma (hMTC) cells. In situ hybridization of mouse brain sections revealed the highest expression of  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  mRNA in the Purkinje cell layer of the cerebellum, habenulae and septal nuclei, and a lower expression in the cerebral cortex, olfactory bulb, thalamic and hypothalamic nuclei, as well as the inferior and superior colliculus. As the in situ data did not suggest a specific colocalization with any **\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\*** subunit, coexpression studies of  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  were carried out either with the high-voltage-gated **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***,  $\alpha 1\text{C}$ ,  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  or  $\alpha 1\text{A}$ , or with the low-voltage-gated **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\***,  $\alpha 1\text{G}$ . Coexpression of  $\alpha 2\text{delta-2}$  increased the current density, shifted the voltage dependence of channel activation and inactivation of  $\alpha 1\text{C}$ ,  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  and  $\alpha 1\text{A}$  subunits in a hyperpolarizing direction, and accelerated the decay and shifted the steady-state inactivation of the  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  current.

L6 ANSWER 7 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:50967 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200100050967  
TITLE: The  $\alpha 1\text{G}$ -subunit of a voltage-dependent  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel is localized in rat distal nephron and collecting duct.  
AUTHOR(S): Andreassen, Ditte; Jensen, Boye L. (1); Hansen, Pernille B.; Kwon, Tae-Hwan; Nielsen, Soren; Skott, Ole  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dept. of Physiology and Pharmacology, Winslowparken 21.3, DK-5000, Odense C: bljensen@health.sdu.dk Denmark  
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ISSN: 0002-9513.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB The molecular type and localization of **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\*** along the nephron are not well understood. In the present study, we assessed the distribution of the recently identified  $\alpha 1\text{G}$ -subunit

encoding a voltage-dependent **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** with **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** characteristics. Using a RNase protection assay,  $\alpha 1\text{G}$ -mRNA levels in kidney regions were determined as inner medulla mchgt outer medulla simeq cortex. RT-PCR analysis of microdissected rat nephron segments revealed  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  expression in the distal convoluted tubule (DCT), in the connecting tubule and cortical collecting duct (CT+CCD), and inner medullary collecting duct (IMCD).  $\alpha 1\text{G}$  mRNA was expressed in the IMCD cell line mIMCD-3. Single- and double-labeling immunohistochemistry and confocal laser microscopy on semithin paraffin sections of rat kidneys by using an anti- $\alpha 1\text{G}$  antibody demonstrated a distinct labeling at the apical plasma membrane domains of DCT cells, CT principal cells, and IMCD principal cells.

L6 ANSWER 8 OF 104 SCISEARCH COPYRIGHT 2001 ISI (R)  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:417290  
SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 319EW  
TITLE: Immunodetection of  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  voltage-gated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel in chromogranin-positive muscle cells of rat heart, and in distal tubules of human kidney  
AUTHOR: Weiergraber M; Pereverzev A; Vajna R; Henry M; Schramm M; Nastainczyk W; Grabsch H; Schneider T (Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: UNIV COLOGNE, INST NEUROPHYSIOL, ROBERT KOCH STR 39, D-50931 COLOGNE, GERMANY  
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COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: GERMANY  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF HISTOCHEMISTRY & CYTOCHEMISTRY, (JUN 2000) Vol. 48, No. 6, pp. 807-819.  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
LANGUAGE: English  
REFERENCE COUNT: 62

\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB The **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\***  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  subunit was originally cloned from mammalian brain. A new splice variant was recently identified in rat islets of Langerhans and in human kidney by the polymerase chain reaction. The same isoform of  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  was detected in rat and guinea pig heart by amplifying indicative cDNA fragments and by immunostaining using peptide-specific antibodies. The apparent molecular size of cardiac  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  was determined by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting ( $218 \pm 6$  kD;  $n = 3$ ). Compared to  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  from stably transfected HEK-293 cells, this is smaller by 28 kD. The distribution of  $\alpha 1\text{E}$  in cardiac muscle cells of the conducting system and in the cardiomyoblast cell line H9c2 was compared to the distribution of chromogranin, a marker of neuroendocrine cells, and to the distribution of atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP). In serial sections from atrial and ventricular regions of

rat heart,  
co-localization of alpha 1E with ANP was detected in atrium and with  
chromogranin A/B in Purkinje fibers of the  
conducting system in both rat  
atrium and ventricle. The kidney is another organ in  
which natriuretic  
peptide hormones are secreted. The detection of  
alpha 1E in the distal  
tubules of human kidney, where urodilatin is stored  
and secreted, led to  
the conclusion that the expression of alpha 1E in rat  
heart and human  
kidney is linked to regions with endocrine functions  
and therefore is  
involved in the Ca2+-dependent secretion of peptide  
hormones such as ANP  
and urodilatin.

L6 ANSWER 9 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001  
BIOSIS DUPLICATE 1  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:447682 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000447682  
TITLE: Influence of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
Ca2+ (mibefradil)  
and Cl- (indanyloxyacetic acid 94) channel  
antagonists on  
\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenoceptor mediated  
contractions in rat  
aorta.  
AUTHOR(S): Duggan, Jennifer A.; Tabrizchi,  
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SOURCE: Canadian Journal of Physiology and  
Pharmacology,  
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714-720. print.  
ISSN: 0008-4212.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English; French  
AB The effects of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* and  
L-type Ca2+ channel  
antagonists, mibefradil and nifedipine, respectively,  
and those of a Cl-  
channel antagonist, indanyloxyacetic acid 94, on  
mechanical responses  
elicited by selective activation of \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\*  
-adrenoceptors using  
cirazoline were examined in rat isolated aortic rings.  
The presence of  
mibefradil (300 nM), indanyloxyacetic acid, 94 (30  
muM) and nifedipine  
(300 nM) alone inhibited mechanical responses  
elicited by cirazoline. The  
concentration-response curves to cirazoline were  
displaced to the right  
with significant increases in the EC50 and significant  
depressions of the  
maximal responses in the presence of the individual  
agents mibefradil,  
indanyloxyacetic acid 94, or nifedipine. A  
combination of mibefradil and  
indanyloxyacetic acid 94 further inhibited the  
mechanical activity  
produced by cirazoline. The further reduction in the  
maximal response to  
cirazoline, in the presence of mibefradil and  
nifedipine, was  
insignificant when compared with the effects of  
nifedipine alone. In  
addition, maximal mechanical responses produced  
by cirazoline were not  
significantly affected by a combination of nifedipine  
and indanyloxyacetic  
acid 94 when compared with either nifedipine alone  
or mibefradil and  
indanyloxyacetic acid 94 combined. Our current  
findings indicate that  
mibefradil, indanyloxyacetic acid 94, and nifedipine  
can inhibit  
cirazoline-induced contractions to a varying degree.  
Moreover, based on  
our present data it would be reasonable to suggest  
that the contribution

of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* versus L-type Ca2+  
channels to contractile  
responses obtained with cirazoline are approximately  
21% and 35%,  
respectively, of the Emax. It would appear that  
L-type Ca2+ channels play  
a greater role in processes that are involved in  
excitation-contraction  
coupling subsequent to stimulation of  
\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenoceptors. In  
addition, Cl- channels also appear to be involved in  
the process of  
contraction following \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenoceptor  
activation.

L6 ANSWER 10 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:251930 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000251930  
TITLE: A tale of two ( \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* )  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
AUTHOR(S): Nargeot, Joel (1)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Institut de Genetique  
Humaine, CNRS UPR 1142, 141 rue  
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5 France  
SOURCE: Circulation Research, (March 31,  
2000) Vol. 86, No. 6, pp.  
613-615.  
ISSN: 0009-7330.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

L6 ANSWER 11 OF 104 SCISEARCH  
COPYRIGHT 2001 ISI (R)DUPLICATE 2  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:11587 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 385NH  
TITLE: Structure and regulation of  
voltage-gated Ca2+ channels  
AUTHOR: Catterall W A (Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Univ Washington, Dept  
Pharmacol, Box 357280, Seattle, WA  
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COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA  
SOURCE: ANNUAL REVIEW OF CELL  
AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY, (DEC 2000  
) Vol. 16, pp. 521-555.  
Publisher: ANNUAL REVIEWS, 4139  
EL CAMINO WAY, PO BOX  
10139, PALO ALTO, CA 94303-0139  
USA.  
ISSN: 1081-0706.

DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review; Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
REFERENCE COUNT: 218  
\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB Voltage-gated Ca2+ channels mediate Ca2+  
entry into cells in response  
to membrane depolarization. Electrophysiological  
studies reveal different  
Ca2+ currents designated L-, N-, P-, Q-, R-, and  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
. The high-voltage-activated Ca2+ channels that have  
been characterized  
biochemically are complexes of a pore-forming  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
) subunit of similar to 190-250 kDa; a  
transmembrane, disulfide-linked  
complex of alpha (2) and delta subunits; an  
intracellular beta subunit;  
and in some cases a transmembrane gamma subunit.  
Ten \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
) subunits, four alpha (2)delta  
complexes, four beta subunits,  
and two gamma subunits are known. The Ca(v)1  
family of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
) subunits conduct L-type Ca2+ currents,  
which initiate muscle  
contraction, endocrine secretion, and gene  
transcription, and are  
regulated primarily by second messenger-activated  
protein phosphorylation  
pathways. The Ca(v)2 family of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
) subunits  
conduct N-type, P/Q-type, and R-type Ca2+ currents,

which initiate rapid  
synaptic transmission and are regulated primarily by  
direct interaction  
with G proteins and SNARE proteins and  
secondarily by protein  
phosphorylation. The Ca(v)3 family of  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
) subunits conduct \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
currents, which are  
activated and inactivated more rapidly and at more  
negative membrane  
potentials than other Ca2+ current types. The distinct  
structures and  
patterns of regulation of these three families of Ca2+  
channels provide a  
flexible array of Ca2+ entry pathways in response to  
changes in membrane  
potential and a range of possibilities for regulation of  
Ca2+ entry by  
second messenger pathways and interacting proteins.

L6 ANSWER 12 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:366087 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000366087  
TITLE: Analysis of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* function using antisense  
oligonucleotides.  
AUTHOR(S): Feltz, A. (1); Lambert, R. C. (1);  
Maulet, Y. (1); de  
Waard, M.; Perez-Reyes, E.; Volsen, S.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) UPR9009-CNRS,  
Strasbourg France  
SOURCE: European Journal of Neuroscience,  
(2000) Vol. 12, No.  
Supplement 11, pp. 317. print.  
Meeting Info.: Meeting of the Federation  
of European  
Neuroscience Societies Brighton, UK June  
24-28, 2000  
ISSN: 0953-816X.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

L6 ANSWER 13 OF 104 EMBASE COPYRIGHT  
2001 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000352205 EMBASE  
TITLE: Mibefradil block of cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
- \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
AUTHOR: Martin R.L.; Lee J.-H.; Cribbs L.L.;  
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Experimental Therapeutics,  
(2000) 295/1 (302-308).  
Refs: 34  
ISSN: 0022-3565 CODEN: JPETAB  
COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
FILE SEGMENT: 030 Pharmacology  
037 Drug Literature Index  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Mibefradil is a tetralol derivative chemically  
distinct from other  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* antagonists. It  
is a very effective  
antihypertensive agent that is thought to achieve its  
action via a higher  
affinity block for low-voltage-activated (T) than for  
high-voltage-  
activated (L) \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
Estimates of affinity  
using Ba2+ as the charge carrier have predicted a 10-  
to 15-fold  
preference of mibefradil for T channels over L  
channels. However, T  
channel IC50 values are reported to be .apprx.1  
.mu.M, which is much  
higher than expected for clinical efficacy because  
relevant blood levels

of this drug are .apprx.50 nM. We compared the affinity for mibefradil of the newly cloned T channel isoforms, .alpha.1G, .alpha.1H, and .alpha.1I with an L channel, .alpha.1C. In 10 mM Ba2+, mibefradil blocked the micromolar range and with 12- to 13-fold greater affinity for T channels than for L channels (.apprx. 1 .muM versus 13/.muM). When 2 mM Ca2+ was used as the charge carrier, the drug was more efficacious; the IC50 for .alpha.1G shifted to 270 nM and for . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*1\*\*\* H shifted to 140 nM, 4.5- and 9-fold higher affinity than in 10 mM Ba. The data are consistent with the idea that mibefradil competes for its binding site on the channel with the permeant species and that Ba2+ is a more effective competitor than Ca2+. Raising temperature to 35.degree.C reduced affinity (IC50 792 nM). Reducing channel availability to half increased affinity (.apprx.70 nM). This profile of mibefradil affinity makes these channels good candidates for the physiological target of this antihypertensive agent.

L6 ANSWER 14 OF 104 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2001 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000335079 EMBASE  
TITLE: Dendro-somatic distribution of calcium-mediated electrogenesis in Purkinje cells from rat cerebellar slice cultures.  
AUTHOR: Pouille F.; Cavalier P.; Desplantez T.; Beekenkamp H.; Craig P.J.; Beattie R.E.; Volsen S.G.; Bossu J.L.  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
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LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB 1. The role of Ca2+ entry in determining the electrical properties of cerebellar Purkinje cell (PC) dendrites and somata was investigated in cerebellar slice cultures. Immunohistofluorescence demonstrated the presence of at least three distinct types of Ca2+ channel proteins in PCs: the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*1\*\*\* (A) subunit (P/Q type Ca2+ channel), the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*1\*\*\* (G) subunit ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*1\*\*\* (E) subunit (R type). 2. In PC dendrites, the response started in 66% of cases with a slow depolarization (50 .-. 15 ms) triggering one or two fast (.apprx.1 ms) action potentials (APs). The slow depolarization was identified as a low-threshold non-P/Q Ca2+ AP initiated, most probably, in the dendrites. In 16% of cases, this response propagated to the soma to elicit an initial burst of fast APs. 3. Somatic recordings revealed three modes of discharge. In mode 1, PCs display a single or a short burst of fast APs. In contrast, PCs fire repetitively in mode 2 and 3, with a sustained discharge of APs in mode 2, and bursts of APs in mode 3. Removal of external Ca2+ or bath

applications of a membrane-permeable Ca2+ chelator abolished repetitive firing. 4. Tetraethylammonium (TEA) prolonged dendritic and somatic fast APs by a depolarizing plateau sensitive to Cd2+ and to .omega.-agatoxin TK. Therefore, the role of Ca2+ channels in determining somatic PC firing has been investigated. Cd2+ or P/Q type Ca2+ channel-specific toxins reduced the duration of the discharge and occasionally induced the appearance of oscillations in the membrane potential associated with bursts of APs. 5. In summary, we demonstrate that Ca2+ entry through low-voltage gated Ca2+ channels, not yet identified, underlies a dendritic AP rarely eliciting a somatic burst of APs whereas Ca2+ entry through P/Q type Ca2+ channels allowed a repetitive firing mainly by inducing a Ca2+-dependent hyperpolarization.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:621150  
SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 343GL  
TITLE: Molecular diversity of voltage-gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
AUTHOR: Lory P; Monteil A; Chemin J; Leuranguer V; Bourinnet E; Nargeot J (Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: CNRS, UPR 1142, IGH, PHYSIOPATHOL CANAUX ION, 14 RUE CARDONILLE, F-34396 MONTPELLIER 05, FRANCE (Reprint); CNRS, UPR 1142, IGH, PHYSIOPATHOL CANAUX ION, F-34396 MONTPELLIER 05, FRANCE  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: FRANCE  
SOURCE: THERAPIE, (MAR-APR 2000) Vol. 55, No. 2, pp. 249-254.  
Publisher: JOHN LIBBEY & CO LTD, 13 SMITHS YARD, SUMMERLEY ST, LONDON SW18 4HR, ENGLAND.  
ISSN: 0040-5957.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
LANGUAGE: French  
REFERENCE COUNT: 16  
\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB Voltage-gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* are involved in a large variety of cellular functions such as excitation-contraction coupling, hormone secretion, firing and pacemaker activity, gene activation and proliferation. Cloning of complementary DNAs encoding for \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits has challenged the study of the functional properties of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* and has allowed analysis of the molecular basis of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* diversity. Recently, pore-forming subunits of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* have been cloned. Recent data describing type genes encoding \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*, their molecular and pharmacological studies, as well as their linkage to human genetic diseases are reviewed in this article.

L6 ANSWER 16 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:525133 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV20000525133  
TITLE: Modulation of the deactivation kinetics of a recombinant rat \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel by prior inactivation.

AUTHOR(S): Warre, Ruth; Randall, Andrew (1)  
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SOURCE: Neuroscience Letters, (November 3, 2000) Vol. 293, No. 3, pp. 216-220, print.  
ISSN: 0304-3940.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Using patch clamp methods we have investigated the deactivation properties of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel generated by expression of the rat alpha1 subunit in HEK293 cells. The amplitude of the repolarisation-induced tail current was strongly correlated (R = 0.998) with the current amplitude immediately prior to repolarisation. The rate of deactivation was voltage-dependent between -120 mV (taudeac = 0.9 +- 0.0 ms) and -60 mV (taudeac = 3.3 +- 0.5 ms). Interestingly, the rate of deactivation observed at -80 mV was clearly dependent on the level of inactivation induced immediately prior to repolarisation, with greater inactivation producing significantly slower deactivation. In contrast, the rate of deactivation appeared completely independent of the level of steady-state inactivation. Together these data indicate the presence of a tight relationship between the recent induction of inactivation of this \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channel and its subsequent rate of deactivation.

L6 ANSWER 17 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:180035 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000180035  
TITLE: Identification of multiple human alpha1G isoforms of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* with distinct functional properties.  
AUTHOR(S): Monteil, Arnaud (1); Chemin, Jean (1); Bourinnet, Emmanuel (1); Nargeot, Joel (1); Lory, Philippe (1)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) CNRS, IGH, 34396, Montpellier France  
SOURCE: Biophysical Journal, (Jan., 2000) Vol. 78, No. 1 Part 2, pp. 199A.  
Meeting Info.: 44th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society. New Orleans, Louisiana, USA  
February 12-16, 2000  
ISSN: 0006-3495.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:67602 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 389BX  
TITLE: Modulation of recombinant \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels by hypoxia and glutathione  
AUTHOR: Fearon I M (Reprint); Randall A D; Perez-Reyes E; Peers C  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Univ Leeds, Inst Cardiovasc Res, Leeds LS2 9JT, W Yorkshire, England (Reprint); SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceut, Dept Neurosci Res, Harlow CM19 5AW, Essex, England; Univ Virginia, Dept Pharmacol, Charlottesville, VA 22908 USA  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: England; USA  
SOURCE: PFLUGERS ARCHIV-EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF

PHYSIOLOGY, (DEC 2000)

Vol. 441, No. 2-3, pp. 181-188.

Publisher: SPRINGER-VERLAG, 175

FIFTH AVE, NEW YORK, NY

10010 USA.

ISSN: 0031-6768.

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LANGUAGE: English

REFERENCE COUNT: 37

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AB \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels are expressed in a wide

variety of central and peripheral neurons and play an important role in

neuronal firing and rhythmicity. Here we examined the effects of hypoxia

on the recently cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel alpha (1G),

alpha (1H) and alpha (1I) subunits, stably expressed in HEK 293 cells. In

cells expressing the human alpha (1H) or the rat

alpha (1I) subunit, Ca<sup>2+</sup>

channel currents were inhibited reversibly by

hypoxia (PO<sub>2</sub><110 mmHg). The

degree of inhibition was more marked in cells

expressing the <alpha>(1H)

subunit. This hypoxic inhibition was not voltage dependent. In cells

expressing the rat alpha (1G) subunit, hypoxia

caused no detectable

reduction in Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel activity. Regardless of the channel type

examined, hypoxia was without effect on the kinetic properties of the Ca<sup>2+</sup>

current (activation, inactivation and deactivation) or on steady-state

inactivation. Ca<sup>2+</sup> current through the alpha (1H)

subunit was enhanced by

the reducing agent reduced glutathione (GSH; 2

mM) and inhibited by

oxidised glutathione (GSSG; 2 mM). In contrast,

Ca<sup>2+</sup> current through the

alpha (1G) subunit was unaffected by GSH. In alpha

(1H) cells, neither GSH

nor GSSG had any effect on the ability of hypoxia to

reduce Ca<sup>2+</sup> current

amplitudes. Thus, different members of the

\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup>

channel family are differently regulated by hypoxia

and redox agents.

Hypoxic regulation of the alpha (1H) subunit appears

to be independent of

changes in levels of the intracellular redox couple

GSSG:GSH.

L6 ANSWER 19 OF 104 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 3

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000412064 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20382745

TITLE: Overexpression of \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in

HEK-293 cells

increases intracellular calcium without

affecting cellular

proliferation.

AUTHOR: Chemin J; Monteil A; Briquaire C;

Richard S; Perez-Reyes E;

Nargeot J; Lory P

CORPORATE SOURCE: IGH-CNRS UPR

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Montpellier, Cedex 05, France.

SOURCE: FEBS LETTERS, (2000 Jul 28) 478

(1-2) 166-72.

Journal code: EUH ISSN: 0014-5793.

PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands

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LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

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AB Increased expression of low voltage-activated,

\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels has been correlated with a variety

of cellular events

including cell proliferation and cell cycle kinetics.

The recent cloning

of three genes encoding \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* (

\*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunits, alpha(1G), alpha(1H) and

alpha(1I), now allows direct

assessment of their involvement in mediating

cellular proliferation. By

overexpressing the human alpha(1G) and alpha(1H)

subunits in human

embryonic kidney (HEK-293) cells, we describe

here that, although

\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels mediate

increases in intracellular

Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentrations, there is no significant change

in bromodeoxyuridine

incorporation and flow cytometric analysis. These

results demonstrate that

expressions of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup>

channels are not

sufficient to modulate cellular proliferation of

HEK-293 cells.

L6 ANSWER 20 OF 104 SCISEARCH

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:66866 SCISEARCH

THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 275HL

TITLE: Expression of mRNAs for the

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* )

subunit of voltage-gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\* in human osteoblast-like

cell lines and

in normal human osteoblasts

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CORPORATE SOURCE: DARTMOUTH COLL

SCH MED, DEPT PHARMACOL & TOXICOL,

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SOURCE: CALCIFIED TISSUE

INTERNATIONAL, (FEB 2000) Vol. 66, No. 2,

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal

FILE SEGMENT: LIFE

LANGUAGE: English

REFERENCE COUNT: 37

\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE

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AB The activation of osteoblast \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\* by

many bone regulatory factors suggests an important

role for intracellular

calcium signaling in the control of bone remodeling.

At least six

different genes for the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* )

subunit of

voltage-gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*

have been cloned

including L-type (alpha(1S), alpha(1C) and

alpha(1D)) and non-L-type

(alpha(1A), alpha(1B), and alpha(1E)) isoforms. The

goal of the present

study was to identify which of these

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

isoforms are transcribed in human osteoblast-like

cell lines (hFOB, MG-63,

SAOS-2, TE-85, G-292) and in cultures of normal

human osteoblasts. Reverse

transcriptase-PCR was used to amplify sequences

corresponding to each of

the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunits using

isoform specific primers.

The products of the PCR reaction were cloned and

sequenced to verify their

identity and used to probe southern blots of the PCR

reactions. The

results indicate that among the different types of

osteoblast-like cells

examined, two \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

isoforms were always

expressed (alpha(1C) and alpha(1A)), three isoforms

were variably

expressed (alpha(1S), alpha(1D) and alpha(1B)), and

one isoform was not

expressed in any of the osteoblast-like cells

(alpha(1E)) but was easily

detected in human brain controls. Our results

indicate that mRNAs for

multiple \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* )

subunits are expressed in human osteoblasts,

including both L-type and

non-L-type isoforms. In addition, significant

heterogeneity exists between

the different osteoblast cell models examined in the

type and mRNA

abundance of the different \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* isoforms.

L6 ANSWER 21 OF 104 SCISEARCH

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SCISEARCH

THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 362PP

TITLE: Low voltage activated

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*

: from genes to function

AUTHOR: Lacinova L (Reprint); Klugbauer N;

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BIOPHYSICS, (JUN 2000) Vol. 19, No.

2, pp. 121-136.

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AB Cloning of three members of

low-voltage-activated (LVA) \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* family, predominantly neuronal

alpha(1G) and alpha(1I),

and ubiquitous alpha(1H), enabled to investigate

directly their

electrophysiological and pharmacological profile as

well as their putative

subunit composition. All the three channels are

half-activated at membrane

potential about -40 mV and half-inactivated at about

-70 mV. Kinetics of

alpha(1G) and alpha(1H) channels activation and

inactivation are similar

and faster than that of alpha(1I) channel. All the

three channels are

blocked with high affinity by the organic blocker

mibefradil. Another high

affinity blocker is kurtoxin. Cloned LVA channels

are relatively

insensitive to antiepileptics, dihydropyridines and

w-conotoxins. Ni<sup>2+</sup> is

high affinity blocker of alpha(1H) channel only.

Amiloride inhibits the

alpha(1H) channel.

The subunit composition of LVA channel remains

unclear. Cut of known

high-voltage-activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits,

alpha(2)delta-2 and gamma-5 subunits significantly

and systematically

modified activation and/or inactivation of the

current. In contrast,

alpha(2)delta-1, alpha(2)delta-3, gamma-2 and

gamma-4 subunits failed to

modulate the current or had only minor effects.

L6 ANSWER 22 OF 104 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 4

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000081696 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20081696

TITLE: Cloning of a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel

isoform in insulin-secreting cells.

AUTHOR: Zhuang H; Bhattacharjee A; Hu F; Zhang M; Goswami T; Wang L; Wu S; Berggren P O; Li M  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, University of South Alabama, Mobile 36688, USA.  
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ENTRY MONTH: 200003  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000304  
AB The \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel is an important determinant of electrical activity and of Ca2+ influx in rat and human pancreatic beta-cells. We have identified and sequenced a cDNA encoding a \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel \*\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -subunit derived from INS-1, the rat insulin-secreting cell line. The sequence of the cDNA indicates a protein composed of 2,288 amino acids that shares 96.3% identity to alpha1G, the neuronal \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel subunit. The transmembrane domains of the protein are highly conserved, but the isoform contains three distinct regions and 10 single amino acid substitutions in other regions. Sequencing rat genomic DNA revealed that the \*\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -subunit we cloned is an alternative splice isoform of alpha1G. By using specific primers and reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction, we demonstrated that both splice variants are expressed in rat islets. The isoform deduced from INS-1 was also expressed in brain, neonatal heart, and kidney. Functional expression of this alpha1G isoform in *Xenopus* oocytes generated low voltage-activated Ba2+ currents. These results provide the molecular biological basis for studies of function of \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels in beta-cells, which is where these channels may play critical roles in diabetes.

L6 ANSWER 23 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 5  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000127580 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20127580  
TITLE: Determinants of voltage-dependent inactivation affect

Mibefradil block of \*\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
AUTHOR: Jimenez C; Bourin E; Leuranguer V; Richard S; Snutch T P; Nargeot J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Genetique Humaine, CNRS UPR1142, Montpellier, France.

SOURCE: NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, (2000) 39 (1) 1-10.  
Journal code: NZB. ISSN: 0028-3908.

PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 200004  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000404  
AB The voltage gated \*\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*\*channel\*\*\* family is a major target for a range of therapeutic drugs. Mibefradil (Ro 40-5967) belongs to a new chemical class of these molecules which differs from other Ca2+ antagonists by its ability to potentially block \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels. However, this molecule has also been shown to inhibit other

Ca2+ channel subtypes. To further analyze the mechanism governing the Ca2+ channel-Mibefradil interaction, we examined the effect of Mibefradil on various recombinant Ca2+ channels expressed in mammalian cells from their cloned cDNAs, using Ca2+ as the permeant ion at physiological concentration. Expression of alpha1A, alpha1C, and alpha1E in tsA 201 cells resulted in Ca2+ currents with functional characteristics closely related to those of their native counterparts. Mibefradil blocked alpha1A and alpha1E with a Kd comparable to that reported for \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* channels, but had a lower affinity (approximately 30-fold) for alpha1C. For each channel, inhibition by Mibefradil was consistent with high-affinity binding to the inactivated state. Modulation of the voltage-dependent inactivation properties by the nature of the coexpressed beta subunit or the \*\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* splice variant altered block at the Mibefradil receptor site. Therefore, we conclude that the tissue and sub-cellular localization of \*\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits as well as their specific associations are essential parameters to understand the in vivo effects of Mibefradil.

L6 ANSWER 24 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
2001 BIOSIS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:82581 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200100082581  
TITLE: Modulation of alpha1G and alpha1C Ca channels by the spider toxin ProTx-II.

AUTHOR(S): Kraus, R. L. (1); Warren, V. A.; Smith, M. M.; Middleton, R. E.; Cohen, C. J.

CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Merck Research Labs, Rahway, NJ USA

SOURCE: Society for Neuroscience Abstracts, (2000) Vol. 26, No.

1-2, pp. Abstract No. -234.14. print.  
Meeting Info.: 30th Annual Meeting of the

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ISSN: 0190-5295.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference

LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Toxin-II from the venom of *Prosphalopus* anomalous (ProTx-II) was isolated based on its ability to inhibit PN1 and PN3 Na channels expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes. The toxin has 6 cysteines that conform to the inhibitory cystine knot (ICK) motif found in hanatoxin (a K channel inhibitor) and omega-granulotoxin-SIA (an inhibitor of N- and P-type Ca channels). We studied inhibition of PN1 Na channels and alpha1G ( \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and alpha1C (L-type) Ca channels expressed in HEK cells.

For alpha1G Ca channels, 1 muM ProTx-II shifts current activation approx 35 mV to more positive voltages and reduces the steepness of voltage dependence of activation. The toxin slows activation even during strong depolarizations and speeds deactivation upon repolarization. Block of current during weak depolarizations indicates an apparent IC50 simeq100 nM. Although ProTx-II inhibits channel opening, it does not alter steady-state inactivation, indicating that channels can inactivate from closed states. ProTx-II inhibits alpha1C Ca channels and PN1 Na channels with comparable potency as for alpha1G Ca channels

and with similar effects on channel activation. Thus, ProTx-II has an ICK motif also found in hanatoxin and omega-granulotoxin-SIA and it modifies channel gating in an analogous manner to these toxins. This suggests that ProTx-II does not simply occlude the pore of Na and Ca channels and instead inhibits channel activation by binding to an extracellular S3-S4 linker. ProTx-II identifies a functional domain conserved among Ca and Na channels that is important for channel activation.

L6 ANSWER 25 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
2001 BIOSIS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:76219 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200100076219

TITLE: Cloning, distribution, and functional expression of a human

alpha1I low voltage-activated Ca channel.

AUTHOR(S): Gomora, J. C. (1); Daud, A.; McNaughton, N. C.; Medhurst, A.; Green, P.; Pangalos, M. N.; Randall, A. D.;

Perez-Reyes, E.

CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA USA

SOURCE: Society for Neuroscience Abstracts, (2000) Vol. 26, No.

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LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB In silico cloning led to the identification of three genes that encode

\*\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunits of \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels:

alpha1G (Cav3.1), alpha1H (Cav3.2), and alpha1I (Cav3.3). The alpha1I

subunit was discovered while cloning from a rat brain cDNA library (Lee et

al., *J. Neurosci.* 19:1912, 1999). Here we report the cloning of the human

ortholog of alpha1I. Fetal brain and adult cerebellum libraries were

screened at low stringency using cDNA probes derived from rat alpha1I. The

deduced amino acid sequence is 93% identical to the rat alpha1I. The human

clone has a much longer carboxyl terminus. The divergence occurs at an

intron/exon boundary, with the rat cDNA being spliced in a different frame

that terminates shortly thereafter. BLAST searches identified a partial

clone (GenBank AB032946) that encoded the full carboxyl terminus and 3.3

kb of the 3' untranslated sequence. The distribution of alpha1I mRNA was

studied using PCR amplification with Taqman, and normalized to

cyclophilin. The gene is almost exclusively expressed in the brain, with

high expression in cerebral cortex, basal ganglia, hippocampus, and

amygdala. Expression of the channel in HEK-293 cells led to the induction

of typical \*\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*\*type\*\*\* currents, with the notable exception

that they activated and inactivated much more slowly.

L6 ANSWER 26 OF 104 WPIDS COPYRIGHT  
2001 DERWENT INFORMATION LTD

DUPLICATE 6  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999-371096 [31]

WPIDS  
DOC. NO. CPI: C1999-109562

TITLE: Subunits of \*\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
DERWENT CLASS: B04 D16

INVENTOR(S): HANS, M; HARPOLD, M;  
STAUDERMAN, K; URRUTIA, A; WASHBURN,  
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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): (SIBI-N) SIBIA  
NEUROSCIENCES INC; (MERI) MERCK & CO  
INC  
COUNTRY COUNT: 84  
PATENT INFORMATION:

PATENT NO KIND DATE WEEK LA PG  
WO 9928342 A2 19990610 (199931)\* EN 169  
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W: AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY CA  
CH CN CU CZ DE DK EE ES FI GB GD  
GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IS JP KE KG KP  
KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MD  
MG MK MN MW MX NO NZ PL PT RO RU  
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19971203

AN 1999-371096 [31] WPIDS  
AB WO 9928342 A UPAB: 19990806  
NOVELTY - An isolated nucleic acid fragment (I)  
that encodes a low-voltage  
activated subunit of an animal \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT  
CLAIMS are included for:

(1) a eukaryotic cell, comprising heterologous  
nucleic acid that  
encodes an \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit  
wherein the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit is encoded by (I);  
(2) a eukaryotic cell with a functional,  
heterologous \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*, produced by a process comprising  
introducing into the  
cell heterologous nucleic acid that encodes at least  
one subunit of a  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*, wherein the  
subunit is encoded by (I);  
(3) a method for identifying a compound that  
modulates the activity  
of a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* that  
contains an \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit, comprising:  
(a) suspending the eukaryotic cell of any as in (1)  
or (2) in a  
solution containing the compound and a  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
selective ion;  
(b) depolarizing the cell membrane of the cell;  
and  
(c) detecting the current or ions flowing into the  
cell, where:  
(i) the heterologous \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* includes at  
least one \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

subunit encoded by DNA or  
RNA that is heterologous to the cell;  
(ii) the current that is detected is different from  
that produced by  
depolarizing the same or a substantially identical cell  
in the presence of  
the same \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
selective ion but in the  
absence of the compound;  
(4) a \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* -subunit  
encoded by the nucleic acid  
molecule (I);  
(5) an RNA or DNA probe of at least 16 bases in  
length, comprising at  
least 16 contiguous nucleic acid bases from (I) that  
encode an alpha  
1H-subunit of a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
;  
(6) a eukaryotic cell, comprising a heterologous  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* encoded by nucleic acid encoding  
an \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*|\*\*\* -subunit of a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*, wherein the  
heterologous \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* is  
a low voltage  
activated channel or a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
channel;  
(7) an isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising  
nucleotides 1506 to  
2627 of the 7898 bp sequence given in the  
specification;  
(8) a method for identifying compounds that  
modulate the activity of  
a low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*;  
(9) a screening assay for identifying a compound  
that modulates the  
activity of a low-voltage activated (LVA)  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*;  
(10) a compound identified by the method as in  
(8) or (9).  
(11) a method of identifying compounds for  
treatment of low-voltage  
activated (LVA) type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* mediated  
disorders, comprising identifying compounds that  
modulate the activity of  
LVA-type channels in cells that express channels  
containing a subunit  
encoded by the nucleic acid (I).  
ACTIVITY - None given.  
MECHANISM OF ACTION - None given.  
USE - The probes can be used to identify nucleic  
acids that encode an  
alpha 1H subunit of a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunit. The  
probes can also be used to identify cells or tissues  
that express this  
subunit. The method as in (11) may be used to detect  
neurological,  
endocrinological, cardiovascular, urological, hepatic,  
respiratory, and  
vascular disorders. (All claimed)  
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L6 ANSWER 27 OF 104 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999357772 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99357772  
TITLE: Multiple structural domains contribute  
to voltage-dependent  
inactivation of rat brain alpha(1E)  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\*.  
AUTHOR: Spaetgens R L; Zamponi G W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of  
Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Neuroscience  
Research Group, University of Calgary,  
Calgary, Alberta T2N  
4N1, Canada.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL  
CHEMISTRY, (1999 Aug 6) 274 (32)  
22428-36.  
Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer

Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199911  
AB We have investigated the molecular determinants  
that mediate the  
differences in voltage-dependent inactivation  
properties between rapidly  
inactivating (R-type) alpha(1E) and noninactivating  
(L-type) alpha(1C)  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*. When  
coexpressed in human embryonic  
kidney cells with ancillary beta(1b) and  
alpha(2)-delta subunits, the wild  
type channels exhibit dramatically different  
inactivation properties; the  
half-inactivation potential of alpha(1E) is 45 mV  
more negative than that  
observed with alpha(1C), and during a 150-ms test  
depolarization,  
alpha(1E) undergoes 65% inactivation compared  
with only about 15% for  
alpha(1C). To define the structural determinants that  
govern these  
intrinsic differences, we have created a series of  
chimeric  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
( \*\*\*|\*\*\* ) subunits  
that combine the major structural domains of the two  
wild type channels,  
and we investigated their voltage-dependent  
inactivation properties. Each  
of the four transmembrane domains significantly  
affected the  
half-inactivation potential, with domains II and III  
being most critical.  
In particular, substitution of alpha(1C) sequence in  
domains II or III  
with that of alpha(1E) resulted in 25-mV negative  
shifts in  
half-inactivation potential. Similarly, the differences  
in inactivation  
rate were predominantly governed by transmembrane  
domains II and III and  
to some extent by domain IV. Thus,  
voltage-dependent inactivation of  
alpha(1E) channels is a complex process that  
involves multiple structural  
domains and possibly a global conformational change  
in the channel  
protein.

L6 ANSWER 28 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 7  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000062483 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20062483  
TITLE: Comparison of the Ca2+ currents  
induced by expression of  
three cloned \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits,  
alpha1G, alpha1H  
and alpha1I, of low-voltage-activated  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels.  
AUTHOR: Klockner U; Lee J H; Cribbs L L;  
Daud A; Hescheler J;  
Pereverzev A; Perez-Reyes E; Schneider T  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Vegetative  
Physiology, University of Cologne,  
Köln, Germany.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: HL58728 (NHLBI)  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF  
NEUROSCIENCE, (1999 Dec) 11 (12)  
4171-8.  
Journal code: BYG. ISSN: 0953-816X.  
PUB. COUNTRY: France  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 200004  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000402  
AB Expression of rat alpha1G, human alpha1H and rat  
alpha1I subunits of  
voltage-activated Ca2+ channels in HEK-293 cells  
yields robust Ca2+  
inward currents with 1.25 mM Ca2+ as the charge  
carrier. Both  
similarities and marked differences are found  
between their biophysical  
properties. Currents induced by expression of  
alpha1G show the fastest  
activation and inactivation kinetics. The alpha1H and



alpha1 currents  
activate and inactivate up to 1.5- and 5-fold slower, respectively. No differences in the voltage dependence of steady state inactivation are detected. Currents induced by expression of alpha1G and alpha1H deactivate with time constants of up to 6 ms at a test potential of -80 mV, but currents induced by alpha1I deactivate about three-fold faster. Recovery from short-term inactivation is more than three-fold slower for currents induced by alpha1H and alpha1I in comparison to alpha1G. In contrast to these characteristics, reactivation after long-term inactivation was fastest for currents arising from expression of alpha1I and slowest in cells expressing alpha1H \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\*. The calcium inward current induced by expression of alpha1I is increased by positive prepulses while currents induced by alpha1H and alpha1G show little (< 5%) or no facilitation. The data thus provide a characteristic fingerprint of each channel's activity, which may allow correlation of the alpha1G, alpha1H and alpha1I induced currents with their in vivo counterparts.

L6 ANSWER 29 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 8  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000062481 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20062481  
TITLE: Distinct kinetics of cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
- \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2  
+ channels lead to differential Ca2 + entry and frequency-dependence during mock action potentials.  
AUTHOR: Kozlov A S; McKenna F; Lee J H; Cribbs L L; Perez-Reyes E; Feltz A; Lambert R C  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratoire de Neurobiologie Cellulaire; UPR 9009-CNRS, Strasbourg, France.  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE, (1999 Dec) 11 (12) 4149-58.  
Journal code: BYG. ISSN: 0953-816X.  
PUB. COUNTRY: France  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 200004  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000402  
AB Voltage-dependent activity around the resting potential is determinant in neuronal physiology and participates in the definition of the firing pattern. Low-voltage-activated \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2 + channels directly affect the membrane potential and control a number of secondary Ca2 + -dependent permeabilities. We have studied the ability of the cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels (alpha1G,H,I) to carry Ca2 + currents in response to mock action potentials. The relationship between the spike duration and the current amplitude is specific for each of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels, reflecting their individual kinetic properties. Typically the charge transfer increases with spike broadening, but the total Ca2 + entry saturates at different spike durations according to the channel type: 4 ms for alpha1G; 7 ms for alpha1H; and > 10 ms for alpha1I channels. During bursts, currents are inhibited and/or transiently potentiated according to the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* channel type, with larger effects at higher frequency. The inhibition may be induced by voltage-independent transitions toward inactivated

states and/or channel inactivation through intermediate closed states. The potentiation is explained by an acceleration in the channel activation kinetics. Relatively fast inactivation and slow recovery limit the ability of alpha1G and alpha1H channels to respond to high frequency stimulation (> 20 Hz). In contrast, the slow inactivation of alpha1I subunits allows these channels to continue participating in high frequency bursts (100 Hz). The biophysical properties of alpha1G, H and I channels will therefore dramatically modulate the effect of neuronal activities on Ca2 + signalling.

L6 ANSWER 30 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:61227 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000061227  
TITLE: Nickel block of three cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*: Low concentrations selectively block alpha1H.  
AUTHOR(S): Lee, Jung-Ha; Gomora, Juan Carlos; Cribbs, Leanne L.; Perez-Reyes, Edward (1)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Department of Pharmacology, University of Virginia, 1300 Jefferson Park Avenue, Charlottesville, VA USA  
SOURCE: Biophysical Journal, (Dec., 1999) Vol. 77, No. 6, pp. 3034-3042.  
ISSN: 0006-3495.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Nickel has been proposed to be a selective blocker of low-voltage-activated, \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*. However, studies on cloned high-voltage-activated Ca2+ channels indicated that some subtypes, such as alpha1E, are also blocked by low micromolar concentrations of NiCl2. There are considerable differences in the sensitivity to Ni2+ among native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents, leading to the hypothesis that there may be more than one \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channel. We confirmed part of this hypothesis by cloning three novel Ca2+ channels, alpha1G, H, and I, whose currents are nearly identical to the biophysical properties of native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels. In this study we examined the nickel block of these cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels expressed in both Xenopus oocytes and HEK-293 cells (10 mM Ba2+). Only alpha1H currents were sensitive to low micromolar concentrations (IC50 = 13 μM). Much higher concentrations were required to half-block alpha1I (216 μM) and alpha1G currents (250 μM). Nickel block varied with the test potential, with less block at potentials above -30 mV. Outward currents through the T channels were blocked even less. We show that depolarizations can unblock the channel and that this can occur in the absence of permeating ions. We conclude that Ni2+ is only a selective blocker of alpha1H currents and that the concentrations required to block alpha1G and alpha1I will also affect high-voltage-activated calcium currents.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:653424

SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 226UZ  
TITLE: Distribution of the voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* alpha(1G) subunit mRNA and protein throughout the mature rat brain  
AUTHOR: Craig P J (Reprint); Beattie R E; Folly E A; Banerjee M D; Reeves M B; Priestley J V; Carney S L; Sher E; PerezReyes E; Volsen S G  
CORPORATE SOURCE: ELI LILLY & CO, LILLY RES CTR LTD, ERL WOOD MANOR, WINDLESHAM GU20 6PH, SURREY, ENGLAND (Reprint); ST BARTHOLOMEWS, DIV BIOMED SCI, NEUROSCI SECT, LONDON E1 4NS, ENGLAND; UNIV LONDON QUEEN MARY & WESTFIELD COLL, ROYAL LONDON SCH MED & DENT, LONDON E1 4NS, ENGLAND; LOYOLA UNIV, MED CTR, DEPT PHYSIOL, MAYWOOD, IL 60153  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: ENGLAND; USA  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE, (AUG 1999) Vol. 11, No. 8, pp. 2949-2964.  
Publisher: BLACKWELL SCIENCE LTD, P O BOX 88, OSNEY MEAD, OXFORD OX2 0NE, OXON, ENGLAND.

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
LANGUAGE: English  
REFERENCE COUNT: 56  
\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB The molecular identity of a gene which encodes the pore-forming subunit (alpha(1G)) of a member of the family of low-voltage-activated, \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*, voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* has been described recently. Although northern mRNA analyses have shown alpha(1G) to be expressed predominantly in the brain, the detailed cellular distribution of this protein in the central nervous system (CNS) has not yet been reported. The current study describes the preparation of a subunit specific alpha(1G) riboprobe and antiserum which have been used in parallel in situ mRNA hybridization and immunohistochemical studies to localize alpha(1G) in the mature rat brain. Both alpha(1G) mRNA and protein were widely distributed throughout the brain, but variations were observed in the relative level of expression in discrete nuclei. Immunoreactivity for alpha(1G) was typically localized in both the soma and dendrites of many neurons. Whilst alpha(1G) protein and mRNA expression were often observed in cells known to exhibit \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current activity, some was also noted in regions, e.g. cerebellar granule cells, in which \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* activity has not been described. These observations may reflect differences between the subcellular distribution of channels that can be identified by immunohistochemical methods compared with electrophysiological techniques.

L6 ANSWER 32 OF 104 SCISEARCH  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:410324  
SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 198YU  
TITLE: Excitatory but not inhibitory synaptic transmission is reduced in lethargic(Cacnb4(1h)) and tottering

(Cacnala(tg)) mouse thalami  
 AUTHOR: Caddick S J; Wang C S; Fletcher C F; Jenkins N A; Copeland N G; Hosford D A (Reprint)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: DUKE UNIV, DEPT MED NEUROL, BLDG 16, RM 38, 508 FULTON ST, DURHAM, NC 27705 (Reprint); DUKE UNIV, DEPT MED NEUROL, DURHAM, NC 27705; VET ADM MED CTR, DURHAM, NC 27705; VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIV, MED COLL VIRGINIA, DEPT NEUROL, RICHMOND, VA 23298; DUKE UNIV, MED CTR, DEPT MED, DIV NEUROL, DURHAM, NC 27705; DUKE UNIV, MED CTR, DEPT NEUROBIOL, DURHAM, NC 27705; NCI, MAMMALIAN GENET LAB, ADV BIOSCI LABS, BASIC RES PROGRAM, FREDERICK CANC RES & DEV CTR, FREDERICK, MD 21702  
 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, (MAY 1999) Vol. 81, No. 5, pp.

2066-2074.  
 Publisher: AMER PHYSIOLOGICAL SOC, 9650 ROCKVILLE PIKE, BETHESDA, MD 20814.  
 ISSN: 0022-3077.

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 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*

AB Recent studies of the homozygous tottering (Cacnala(tg)) and lethargic mouse (Cacnb4(lh)) models of absence seizures have identified mutations in the genes encoding the alpha 1A and beta 4 subunits, respectively, of voltage-gated Ca2+ channels (VGCCs). beta subunits normally regulate Ca2+ currents via a direct interaction with \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*j\*\*\*  
 (pore-forming) subunits of VGCCs, and VGCCs are known to play a significant role in controlling the release of transmitter from presynaptic nerve terminals in the CNS. Because the gene mutation in Cacnb4lh homozygotes results in loss of the beta 4 subunit's binding site for \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*j\*\*\* subunits, we hypothesized that synaptic transmission would be altered in the CNS of Cacnb4(lh) homozygotes. We tested this hypothesis: by using whole cell recordings of single cells in an in vitro slice preparation to investigate synaptic transmission in one of the critical neuronal populations that generate seizure activity in this strain, the somatosensory thalamus. The primary finding reported here is the observation of a significant decrease in glutamatergic synaptic transmission mediated by both N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) and non-NMDA receptors in somatosensory thalamic neurons of Cacnb4(lh) homozygotes compared with matched, nonepileptic mice. In contrast, there was no significant decrease in GABAergic transmission in Cacnb4lh homozygotes nor was there any difference in effects mediated by presynaptic GABA receptors. We found a similar decrease in glutamatergic but not GABAergic responses in Cacnb4(lh) homozygotes, suggesting that the independent mutations in the two strains each affected P/Q channel function by causing defective neurotransmitter release specific to glutamatergic synapses in the somatosensory thalamus. This may be an important factor underlying the generation of seizures in these models.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:175716 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199900175716  
 TITLE: Cloning and expression of a novel member of the low voltage-activated \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* family.  
 AUTHOR(S): Lee, Jung-Ha; Daud, Asif N.; Cribbs, Leanne L.; Lacerda, Antonio E.; Perceverzev, Alexei; Klockner, Udo; Schneider, Toni; Perez-Reyes, Edward (1)  
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 SOURCE: Journal of Neuroscience, (March 15, 1999) Vol. 19, No. 6, pp. 1912-1921.  
 ISSN: 0270-6474.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Low voltage-activated Ca2+ channels play important roles in pacing neuronal firing and producing network oscillations, such as those that occur during sleep and epilepsy. Here we describe the cloning and expression of the third member of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* family, alpha1I or CavT.3, from rat brain. Northern analysis indicated that it is predominantly expressed in brain. Expression of the cloned channel in either Xenopus oocytes or stably transfected human embryonic kidney-293 cells revealed novel gating properties. We compared these electrophysiological properties to those of the cloned \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels alpha1G and alpha1H and to the high voltage-activated channels formed by alpha1Ebeta3. The alpha1I channels opened after small depolarizations of the membrane similar to alpha1G and alpha1H but at more depolarized potentials. The kinetics of activation and inactivation were dramatically slower, which allows the channel to act as a Ca2+ injector. In oocytes, the kinetics were even slower, suggesting that components of the expression system modulate its gating properties. Steady-state inactivation occurred at higher potentials than any of the other T channels, endowing the channel with a substantial window current. The alpha1I channel could still be classified as \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* by virtue of its criss-crossing kinetics, its slow deactivation (tail current), and its small (11 pS) conductance in 110 mM Ba2+ solutions. Based on its brain distribution and novel gating properties, we suggest that alpha1I plays important roles in determining the electroresponsiveness of neurons, and hence, may be a novel drug target.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:180877 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199900180877  
 TITLE: Differential distribution of three members of a gene family encoding low voltage-activated ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* )  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Low voltage-activated ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) calcium currents are observed in many central and peripheral neurons and display distinct physiological and functional properties. Using in situ hybridization, we have localized central and peripheral nervous system expression of three transcripts (alpha1G, alpha1H, and alpha1I) of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* family (CavT). Each mRNA demonstrated a unique distribution, and expression of the three genes was largely complementary. We found high levels of expression of these transcripts in regions associated with prominent \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents, including inferior olivary and thalamic relay neurons (which expressed alpha1G), sensory ganglia, pituitary, and dentate gyrus granule neurons (alpha1H), and thalamic reticular neurons (alpha1I and alpha1H). Other regions of high expression included the Purkinje cell layer of the cerebellum, the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis, the claustrum (alpha1G), the olfactory tubercles (alpha1H and alpha1I), and the subthalamic nucleus (alpha1I and alpha1G). Some neurons expressed high levels of all three genes, including hippocampal pyramidal neurons and olfactory granule cells. Many brain regions showed a predominance of labeling for alpha1G, including the amygdala, cerebral cortex, rostral hypothalamus, brainstem, and spinal cord. Exceptions included the basal ganglia, which showed more prominent labeling for alpha1H and alpha1I, and the olfactory bulb, the hippocampus, and the caudal hypothalamus, which showed more even levels of all three transcripts. Our results are consistent with the hypothesis that differential gene expression underlies pharmacological and physiological heterogeneity observed in neuronal \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* calcium currents, and they provide a molecular basis for the study of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels in particular neurons.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:523019 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 211 VJ  
 TITLE: Low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 : Achievements and problems  
 AUTHOR: Kostyuk P G (Reprint)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: NATL ACAD SCI UKRAINE, AA BOGOMOILETS PHYSIOL INST, UA-252601 KIEV, UKRAINE (Reprint)  
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 SOURCE: NEUROSCIENCE, (JUL-AUG 1999) Vol. 92, No. 4, pp. 1157-1163

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AB Low-voltage activated Ca2+ channels, which posses unique properties quite different from those of common (high-voltage activated) channels, were discovered 1j years ago but the first \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\* ) subunit has only recently been identified which might provide their structural basis. However, simultaneously, extensive data are being accumulated on the functional diversity of low-voltage activated Ca2+ currents with regard to their pharmacological sensitivity, ionic selectivity, activation and inactivation kinetics. Such diversity corresponds to equally prominent heterogeneity in the location and function of the channels. This commentary summarizes the data available in an attempt to predict a possibly wider structural subdivision of low-voltage activated Ca2+ channels into subtypes. (C) 1999 IBRO. Published by Elsevier Science Ltd.

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THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 224WJ  
TITLE: Immunohistochemical detection of alpha 1E voltage-gated Ca2+ channel isoforms in cerebellum, INS-1 cells, and neuroendocrine cells of the digestive system  
AUTHOR: Grabsch H; Pereverzev A; Weiergraber M; Schramm M; Henry M; Vajna R; Beattie R E; Volsen S G; Klockner U; Hescheler J; Schneider T (Reprint)  
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COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: GERMANY; ENGLAND  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF HISTOCHEMISTRY & CYTOCHEMISTRY, (AUG 1999) Vol. 47, No. 8, pp. 981-993.  
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AB Polyclonal antibodies were raised against a common and a specific epitope present only in longer alpha 1E isoforms of voltage-gated Ca2+ channels, yielding an "anti-E-com" and an "anti-E-spec" serum, respectively. The specificity of both sera was established by immunocytochemistry and immunoblotting using stably transfected HEK-293 cells or membrane proteins derived from them. Cells from the insulinoma cell line INS-1, tissue sections from cerebellum, and representative regions of gastrointestinal tract were stained immunocytochemically. INS-1 cells expressed an alpha 1E splice variant with a

longer carboxy terminus, the so-called alpha 1Ee isoform. Similarly, in rat cerebellum, which was used as a reference system, the anti-E-spec serum stained somata and dendrites of Purkinje cells. Only faint staining was seen throughout the cerebellar granule cell layer. After prolonged incubation times, neurons of the molecular layer were stained by anti-E-com, suggesting that a shorter alpha 1E isoform is expressed at a lower protein density. In human gastrointestinal tract, endocrine cells of the antral mucosa (stomach), small and large intestine, and islets of Langerhans were stained by the anti-E-spec serum. In addition, staining by the anti-E-spec serum was observed in Paneth cells and in the smooth muscle cell layer of the lamina muscularis mucosae. We conclude that the longer alpha 1Ee isoform is expressed in neuroendocrine cells of the digestive system and that, in pancreas, alpha 1Ee expression is restricted to the neuroendocrine part, the islets of Langerhans. alpha 1E therefore appears to be a common voltage-gated Ca2+ channel linked to neuroendocrine and related systems of the body.

L6 ANSWER 37 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 9  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000044191 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20044191  
TITLE: High-voltage-activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* messenger RNA expression in the 140-3 neuroblastoma-glioma cell line.  
AUTHOR: Gottschalk W; Kim D S; Chin H; Stanley E F  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Synaptic Mechanisms Section, National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, USA.  
SOURCE: NEUROSCIENCE, (1999) 94 (3) 975-83.  
Journal code: NZR. ISSN: 0306-4522.  
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Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 200002  
ENTRY WEEK: 20000204  
AB Expression of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits in oocytes or cell lines has proven to be a powerful method in the analysis of structure-function relations, but these experimental systems are of limited value in the examination of neuron-specific functions such as transmitter release. Cell lines derived from neurons are often capable of these functions, but their intrinsic \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits are complicating factors in experimental design. We have examined the biophysical and molecular properties of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in a little studied neuroblastoma-glioma hybrid cell line, 140-3, a close relative of the NG108-15 cell line, to test whether this cell line might serve a role as an expression system for neural mechanisms. This cell was selected as it contains an intact transmitter release mechanism yet secretes little in response to depolarization. Patch-clamp recording revealed only a prominent low-threshold, rapidly inactivating calcium current with a single-channel conductance of approximately 7 pS

that was identified as \*\*\*T\*\*\* \*\*\*type\*\*\*. A search for \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunit messenger RNA in the 140-3 cells with three different tests only revealed alpha1C, whereas alpha1A-alpha1C were present in the parent NG108-15 line. We made a particular effort to search for alpha1E, since this subunit has been associated with a low-voltage-activated current. Our findings suggest that, since the principal nerve terminal-associated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* (alpha1A, alpha1B, alpha1E) are absent in the 140-3 cell, this cell line may prove a particularly useful model for the analysis of the role of high-voltage-activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in complex functions of neuronal cells.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999133651 EMBASE  
TITLE: Voltage-operated Ca2+ channels and the acrosome reaction:  
Which channels are present and what do they do?  
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ISSN: 0268-1161 CODEN: HUREEE  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review  
FILE SEGMENT: 002 Physiology  
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029 Clinical Biochemistry  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Evidence from pharmacological studies suggests that induction of the acrosome reaction of mammalian spermatozoa by solubilized zona pellucida, and possibly by progesterone, is dependent upon Ca2+ influx through voltage-operated Ca2+ channels. Studies on Ca2+ accumulation and membrane potential in ligand-stimulated or artificially depolarized spermatozoa support such a conclusion. Electrophysiological studies on rodent spermatogenic cells have revealed the presence of a '\*\*\*T\*\*\*' \*\*\*type\*\*\* voltage-operated Ca2+ current. This current has pharmacological attributes consistent with those of the putative channel responsible for Ca2+ influx mediating the acrosome reaction. However, use of molecular techniques to study human and rodent testis and spermatogenic cells has detected the presence of three different voltage-operated Ca2+ channel subunits. One of these ( \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\* ) (E) may generate T-currents, though this is currently disputed. Voltage-operated Ca2+ channel structure and the relationship between channel subunit expression and the characteristics of consequent Ca2+ currents is briefly reviewed. The nature and function of T-channel-mediated Ca2+ influx is examined in the context of the time-course of ligand- and depolarization-induced elevation of [Ca2+](i) in mammalian spermatozoa. It is likely that a secondary Ca2+ response (mobilization of stored Ca2+ or activation of a second Ca2+-influx pathway) is required for the acrosome reaction. Evidence for the existence and participation

of various  
candidates is discussed (including voltage-operated  
Ca2+ channels, which  
may be functionally expressed only in mature  
spermatozoa), the available  
evidence favouring a secondary Ca2+-influx  
pathway. Immediate priorities  
for future research in this area are proposed.

L6 ANSWER 39 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 10  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999127945 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99127945  
TITLE: Structure and functional  
characterization of a novel human  
low-voltage activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*

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CORPORATE SOURCE: SIBIA Neurosciences Inc.,  
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SOURCE: JOURNAL OF  
NEUROCHEMISTRY, (1999 Feb) 72 (2) 791-9.  
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OTHER SOURCE: GENBANK-AF073931  
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AB We have isolated and characterized overlapping  
cDNAs encoding a novel,  
voltage-gated Ca2+ channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*

subunit, alpha1H, from a human

medullary thyroid carcinoma cell line. The alpha1H  
subunit is structurally  
similar to previously described \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*

subunits. Northern blot  
analysis indicates that alpha1H mRNA is expressed  
throughout the brain,

primarily in the amygdala, caudate nucleus, and  
putamen, as well as in  
several nonneuronal tissues, with relatively high

levels in the liver,  
kidney, and heart. Ba2+ currents recorded from  
human embryonic kidney 293

cells transiently expressing alpha1H activated at  
relatively

hyperpolarized potentials (-50 mV), rapidly  
inactivated (tau = 17 ms), and  
slowly deactivated. Similar results were observed in  
Xenopus oocytes

expressing alpha1H. Single-channel measurements  
in human embryonic kidney

293 cells revealed a single-channel conductance of  
approximately 9 pS.

These channels are blocked by Ni2+ (IC50 = 6.6  
microM) and the \*\*\*T\*\*\*

- \*\*\*type\*\*\* channel antagonists mibefradil  
(approximately 50% block at  
1 microM) and amiloride (IC50 = 167 microM).

Thus, alpha1H-containing  
channels exhibit biophysical and pharmacological  
properties characteristic

of low voltage-activated, or \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\*, Ca2+ channels.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:278507  
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THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 183CV  
TITLE: A \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* from mouse brain

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AB A member of the low-voltage-activated

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

family was identified in mouse brain by taking

advantage of amino acid

sequences that have been evolutionarily conserved.

The identified sequence

is similar to that of the recently cloned rat alpha(1G)

\*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* ,

but there are

differences in two insertions in the intracellular  
connecting loops.

Northern blot analysis indicates that its expression is  
strong in the

brain. In situ hybridization revealed that, in mouse  
brain, the alpha(1G)

mRNA is found in the cerebellum, hippocampus,  
thalamus and olfactory bulb.

In contrast to L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* currents, I-Ba

and I-Ca through the alpha(1G) channel expressed in

HEK293 cells did not

differ in terms of current density, voltage

dependence of current

activation, inactivation and deactivation, and speed

of recovery from

voltage-dependent inactivation. The kinetics of I-Ca

inactivation were

significantly slower than those of I-Ba. The

expressed alpha(1G) channel

has a relatively high sensitivity to mibefradil, but is

only slightly

affected by Ni2+.

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TITLE: Absence of modulation of the

expressed \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* alpha1G subunit by

alpha2delta subunits.

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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB 1. The modulatory action of the alpha2delta

subunit on various

high-voltage-activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\* has been

demonstrated previously. However, very little is

known about auxiliary

subunit modulation of low-voltage-activated (LVA)

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\*. We have examined the

modulation of the alpha1G subunit

corresponding to the neuronal \*\*\*T\*\*\* -

\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* by the ubiquitously expressed

alpha2delta-1 and

brain-specific alpha2delta-3 subunits. 2. The

alpha1G subunit was

expressed alone or in combination with either the

alpha2delta-1 or

alpha2delta-3 subunit in human embryonic kidney

(HEK 293) cells and

whole-cell barium currents were measured. The  
current density-voltage  
relationships for peak and sustained current, kinetics  
of current  
activation and inactivation, voltage dependence of  
current inactivation  
and time course of the recovery from inactivation  
were analysed for each  
type of expressed channel. No significant difference  
was found for any of  
the examined parameters. 3. These results suggest  
that the LVA alpha1G  
channel is not regulated by known auxiliary  
alpha2delta subunits.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:467531  
SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 205MM  
TITLE: Isoforms of alpha 1E voltage-gated  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\* in rat cerebellar granule  
cells -

Detection of major \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\*

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* -transcripts by

reverse

transcription-polymerase chain reaction

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AB In primary cultures of rat cerebellar granule

cells, transcripts of

voltage-gated Ca2+ channels have been amplified by

reverse

transcription-polymerase chain reaction and

identified by sequencing of

subcloned polymerase chain reaction products. In

these neurons cultured

for six to eight days in vitro, fragments of the three

major transcripts

alpha 1C, alpha 1A, and alpha 1E are detected using

degenerated

oligonucleotide primer pairs under highly stringent

conditions. Whole-cell

Ca2+ current recordings from six to eight days in

vitro granule cells show

that most of the current is due to L-type (25%),

P-type (33%) and R-type

(30%) Ca2+; channels. These data support the

correlation between alpha 1A

and P-type Ca2+ channels (G1) and between alpha

1E and R-type channels (G2

and G3). By including specific primer pairs for alpha

1E the complimentary

DNA fragments of indicative regions of alpha 1E

isoforms are amplified

corresponding to the three most variable regions of

alpha 1E, the 5'-end,

the II/III-loop, and the central part of the 3'-end.

Although the

complementary DNA fragments of the 5'-end of rat

alpha 1E yield a uniform

reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction product, its structure is unusual in the sense that it is longer than in the cloned rat alpha 1E complementary DNA. It corresponds to the alpha 1E isoform reported for mouse and human brain and is also expressed in cerebellum and cerebrum of rat brain as the major or maybe even the only variant of alpha 1E. While fragments of a new rat alpha 1E isoform are amplified from the 5'-end, three known fragments of the II/III-loop and two known isoforms homologue to the 3'-coding region are detected, which in the last case are discriminated by a 129 base pair insertion. The shift of the alpha 1E expression from a pattern seen in cerebellum (alpha 1Ee) to a pattern identified in other regions of the brain (alpha 1E-3) is discussed. These data show that: (i) alpha 1E is expressed in rat brain as a structural homologue to the mouse and human alpha 1E; and (ii) rat cerebellar granule cells in primary culture express a set of alpha 1E isoforms, containing two different sized carboxy termini. Since no new transcripts of high-voltage-activated Ca2+ channels genes are identified using degenerate oligonucleotide primer pairs, the two isoforms differentiated by the 129 base pair insertion might correspond to the two R-type channels, G2 and G3, characterized in these neurons. Functional studies including recombinant cells with the different proposed isoforms should provide more evidence for this conclusion. (C) 1999 IBRO. Published by Elsevier Science Ltd.

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 TITLE: Osteoblasts derived from load-bearing bones of the rat express both L- and T-like voltage-operated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* and mRNA for alpha 1C, alpha 1D and alpha 1G subunits.  
 AUTHOR: Gu Y; Preston M R; el Haj A J; Hamid J; Zamponi G W; Howl J; Publicover S J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: School of Biological Sciences, University of Birmingham, UK.  
 SOURCE: PFLUGERS ARCHIV. EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY, (1999 Sep) 438 (4) 553-60.  
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 PUB. COUNTRY: GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
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 AB Voltage operated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* (VOCCs) are implicated in osteoblastic mechano- and hormonal transduction. Very little, however, is known about the expression of VOCCs in osteoblasts of load-bearing bones. Here we describe two types of whole-cell calcium current in rat femoral explant-derived osteoblasts. The first is high-voltage activated and sensitive to nifedipine, Bay K8644 and FPL 64176. The second is low-voltage activated and is sensitive to micromolar concentrations of Ni2+. The properties of these two currents are

consistent with those of L-type and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* calcium currents respectively. \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents were detected in most cells on the day of passage, the level of expression being significantly lower on subsequent days. L-type currents were also most common on the day of passage but were detected consistently throughout the 4-day period of study. The reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction with non-specific primers directed against all L-type VOCC \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits and then with specific primers directed against sequences from rat brain alpha 1C (L-type), alpha 1D (L-type) and alpha 1G ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) VOCC subunits detected transcripts of appropriate size in all four cases. Products from the three sets of specific primer pairs (alpha 1C, alpha 1D, alpha 1G) were sequenced and were identical to their respective rat brain templates.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:338939 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 131:156147  
 TITLE: Molecular diversity of voltage-sensitive \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in smooth muscle cells  
 AUTHOR(S): Bielefeldt, Klaus  
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 SOURCE: J. Lab. Clin. Med. (1999), 133(5), 469-477  
 CODEN: JLCMAK; ISSN: 0022-2143  
 PUBLISHER: Mosby, Inc.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Voltage-sensitive \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* play an important role in the excitation-contraction coupling of smooth muscle. Several subunits form the oligomeric channel complex and det. its functional properties. Therefore a differential distribution of the various channel subunits and their splice forms could contribute to the functional specialization of smooth muscle cells. To test this hypothesis, specific primers were designed to amplify mRNA from vascular and gastrointestinal smooth muscle of the rabbit by reverse transcription and polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). The presence of high- and low-threshold voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* was also examd. in a smooth muscle-derived cell line (A7R5). Consistent with the physiol. data, smooth muscle contains mRNA for the pore-forming subunits of high- and low-threshold voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*, .alpha.-1C and .alpha.-1G. Three splice variants of the .alpha.-1C-subunit were identified in smooth muscle. These may affect dihydropyridine binding and the interaction between the .alpha.-1C and the .beta.-subunit. In addn., three of the four cloned .beta.-subunits (.beta.-1b, .beta.-2, and .beta.-3) could be found in all smooth muscle tissues examd. These data demonstrate that various splice forms of the L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* exist in smooth muscle tissue. Moreover, these expts. also show for the first time that smooth muscle cells contain mRNA for low-threshold voltage-sensitive \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\*. Combinations of the pore-forming subunits with one of the three .beta.-subunits could account for functional differences between smooth muscle cells from distinct regions. A better understanding of the structure and function of these channels may help in our understanding of diseases affecting smooth muscle and help in the development of novel drugs targeting these mols.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:522816  
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 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 211TD  
 TITLE: Discrete regional distributions suggest diverse functional roles of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channel\*\*\* a, subunits in sperm  
 AUTHOR: Westenbroek R E; Babcock D F (Reprint)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: UNIV WASHINGTON, DEPT PHYSIOL & BIOPHYS 357290, SEATTLE, WA 98195 (Reprint); UNIV WASHINGTON, DEPT PHYSIOL & BIOPHYS 357290, SEATTLE, WA 98195; UNIV WASHINGTON, DEPT PHARMACOL, SEATTLE, WA 98195  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
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 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
 AB The Ca channels of male germ-line cells are partially characterized, but the molecular properties and subcellular localization of the Ca channels of mature sperm are unknown. Here, we probe rodent sperm with anti-peptide antibodies directed to cytosolic domains of cloned rat brain alpha(1A), alpha(1C), and alpha(1E) Ca channel subunits. Each recognizes a 200- to 245-kDa band on immunoblots of whole rat sperm extracts. A smaller (similar to 110-kDa) alpha(1C) band also is detected. Confocal fluorescence images of mouse sperm show characteristic patterns of punctate alpha(1A)-, alpha(1C)-, and alpha(1E)-immunoreactivity. For alpha(1A) the puncta are larger, less numerous, and more variable in distribution than for alpha(1C) and alpha(1E). They are absent from the acrosomal crescent, but are present elsewhere over the sperm head, often at the apical tip and equatorial segment. They also are found at irregular intervals along both the midpiece and the principal piece of the flagellum. For alpha(1C) and alpha(1E), puncta are dense along dorsal and

ventral aspects of the acrosomal cap. For alpha(1E) but not alpha(1C), the remainder of the acrosomal region also is labeled. Neither is found in the postacrosomal region or on the midpiece. Puncta of alpha(1C) and alpha(1E) occur at regular intervals each in two parallel rows, at the dorsal and ventral aspects of the proximal segment of the flagellar principal piece. The puncta in these arrays become less abundant and intense in the distal flagellum. These results demonstrate that multiple Ca channel proteins are present in mature sperm and are regionally localized in ways that may give them different regulatory roles. (C) 1999 Academic Press.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:186400 BIOSIS  
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TITLE: Cloning of the rat beta-cell \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
- \*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunit  
and its regulation by glucose.  
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199900193964  
TITLE: Arachidonic acid modulation of  
alpha1H, a cloned human  
\*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

AUTHOR(S): Zhang, Yi (1); Cribbs, Leanne L.;  
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THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 183DU  
TITLE: Identification of structural elements of  
the  
testis-specific voltage dependent  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* that potentially regulate  
its biophysical  
properties  
AUTHOR: Goodwin L O (Reprint); Leeds N  
B; Guzowski D; Hurley I R;  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Article, Journal  
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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
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AB Calcium influx through voltage-dependent  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* regulates the physiological  
acrosome reaction of  
mammalian spermatozoa. Expression of the mRNA  
for these voltage-dependent  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* and its  
co-ordinated translation is  
initiated early in rat mate germ line development and  
continues throughout  
spermatogenesis. Herein, we report the complete  
mRNA and deduced amino  
acid sequence of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* (C)  
pore-forming subunit  
of the rat testis-specific L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\*.  
This subunit is transcribed from the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*1\*\*\* (C) gene,  
which is also expressed in brain and cardiac muscle.  
The cardiac- and  
testis-specific isoforms of the ale subunit are  
produced by alternate  
splicing of the same primary transcript. The  
testis-specific isoform  
differs from that of cardiac tissue at its amino  
terminus and in  
transmembrane segments IS6, IIS2 and IVS3,  
which are also dihydropyridine  
binding sites. In somatic tissues, segments S2 and S3  
regulate channel  
activation while the amino terminus and segment  
IS6 contribute to channel  
inactivation kinetics. The amino terminus and IS6  
segment of the  
testis-specific \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* (C)  
subunit are also expressed  
respectively, in the brain and in smooth muscle from  
lung where they alter  
the electrophysiological characteristics of the subunit  
to produce  
relatively slow inactivation kinetics. These findings  
provide a molecular  
explanation for the detection by others, by patch  
clamp analysis, of  
\*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\* calcium currents in  
immature spermatogenic cells  
and of atypical L-type calcium currents in mature  
spermatozoa.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:424815  
SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 201BN  
TITLE: beta subunit reshuffling modifies N-  
and P/Q-type Ca2+  
channel subunit compositions in lethargic  
mouse brain  
AUTHOR: Burgess D L; Biddlecome G H;  
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AB Neuronal voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels are  
heteromultimers of  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ), beta, and  
alpha(2)delta subunits, and any one  
of five \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunits  
(alpha(1A-E)) may associate  
with one of four beta subunits (beta(1-4)) The  
specific \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* )-beta combination assembled  
determines single-channel  
properties, while variation in the proportion of each  
combination  
contributes to the functional diversity of neurons.  
The mouse mutant  
lethargic (lh) exhibits severe neurological defects  
due to a mutation that  
deletes the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit  
interaction domain of the  
beta(4) subunit. Since beta subunits regulate critical  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit properties in heterologous  
expression systems, loss of  
beta(4) in lethargic could dramatically alter channel  
localization and  
behavior unless beta(1-3), subunits can be used as  
substitutes in vivo.  
Here we demonstrate increased steady-state  
associations of alpha(1A) and  
alpha(1B) with the remaining beta(1-3), subunits,  
without significant  
changes in beta(1-3), mRNA abundance. The  
immunolocalization of alpha(1A)  
and alpha(1B) protein in lethargic brain is  
indistinguishable from  
wild-type by light microscopy. Furthermore, the  
measurement of  
large-amplitude beta-type currents in dissociated  
lethargic Purkinje  
neurons indicates that these alpha(1A)-containing  
channels retain  
regulation by beta subunits. We conclude that  
several properties of  
alpha(1A) and alpha(1B) proteins are not uniquely  
regulated by beta(4) in  
vivo and may be rescued by beta(1-3) subunit  
reshuffling. The complex  
neurological manifestation of the lethargic mutation  
therefore emerges  
from loss of beta(4) coupled with the widespread  
pairing of surrogate beta  
subunits with multiple Ca2+ channel subtypes. The  
existence of beta  
subunit reshuffling demonstrates that molecular  
plasticity of Ca2+ channel  
assembly, a normal feature of early brain  
development, is retained in the  
mature brain.

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2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:66974 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV20000066974  
TITLE: Identification of human alpha1G  
\*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* splice  
variants.  
AUTHOR(S): Monteil, A. (1); Chemin, J. (1);  
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 SOURCE: Society for Neuroscience Abstracts, (1999) Vol. 25, No. 1-2, pp. 197.  
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 TITLE: Structure and alternative splicing of the gene encoding alpha1G, a human brain T \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
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 \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunit.  
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 AB The structure of CACNA1G, the gene encoding alpha1G, a human brain T Ca2+ channel \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunit, was determined by comparison of polymerase chain reaction-amplified brain cDNA and genomic sequences. The gene consists of at least 38 exons, two of them newly-identified, spanning at least 66490 basepairs of chromosome 17q22. Alternative splicing of the RNA occurs at six sites: cassette exons 14, 26, 34 and 35, an internal donor in exon 25 and protein-coding intron 38B. Additionally, the RNA can be polyadenylated at either of two sites. Alternative splicing of CACNA1G RNA may lead to expression of as many as 24 distinct protein products, ranging from 2171 to 2377 amino-acids residues.

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 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 213WQ  
 TITLE: Structure and alternative splicing of the gene encoding alpha(11), a human brain T \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit  
 AUTHOR: Mittman S (Reprint); Guo J; Emerick M C; Agnew W S  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV, SCH MED, DEPT ANESTHESIOLOG, BALTIMORE, MD 21287 (Reprint); JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV, SCH MED, DEPT PHYSIOLOG, BALTIMORE, MD 21287; JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV, SCH MED, DEPT NEUROSCI, BALTIMORE, MD 21287

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 LANGUAGE: English  
 REFERENCE COUNT: 18  
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AB The structure of CACNA1I, the gene encoding alpha(11), a human brain T Ca2+ channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit, was determined by comparison of polymerase chain reaction-amplified brain cDNA and genomic sequences. The gene consists of at least 36 exons spanning at least 115 168 basepairs of chromosome 22q12.3-13.2. The predicted protein has 2016 amino acids and 28 potential phosphorylation sites. Alternative splicing of the gene occurs at two sites: cassette exon 9 and an alternative acceptor in exon 33. Molecular diversity generated by alternative splicing and post-translational modification of this and other members of the T \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit gene family may account for the observed heterogeneity of T currents in central neurons. (C) 1999 Elsevier Science Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 241BD  
 TITLE: Single gene defects in mice: the role of voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in absence models  
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: BAYLOR COLL MED, DEPT NEUROL, 1 BAYLOR PLAZA, HOUSTON, TX 77303 (Reprint)  
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AB Nineteen genes encoding \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ), beta, gamma, or alpha(2)delta voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits have been identified to date. Recent studies have found that three of these genes are mutated in mice with generalised cortical spike-wave discharges (models of human absence epilepsy), emphasising the importance of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in regulating the expression of this inherited seizure phenotype. The tottering (tg) locus encodes the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*1\*\*\* ) subunit gene Cacna1a, lethargic (lh) encodes the beta subunit gene Cacnb4, and stargazer (stg) encodes the (gamma) over dot subunit gene Cacng2. These \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*

mutants should provide important insights into the basic mechanisms of neuronal synchronisation, and the genes may be considered candidates for involvement in similar human disorders. The mutant models offer an important opportunity to elucidate the molecular, developmental, and physiological mechanisms underlying one subtype of absence epilepsy. Since \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* are involved in numerous cellular functions, including proliferation and differentiation, membrane excitability, neurite outgrowth and synaptogenesis, signal transduction, and gene expression, their role in generating the absence epilepsy phenotype may be complex. A comparative analysis of channel function and neural excitability patterns in tottering, lethargic, and stargazer brain should be useful in identifying the common elements of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* involvement in these absence models. (C) 1999 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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 TITLE: Anion channel blockers differentially affect \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ currents of mouse spermatogenic cells, alpha 1E currents expressed in Xenopus oocytes and the sperm acrosome reaction  
 AUTHOR: Espinosa F; LopezGonzalez I; Serrano C J; Gasque G; delaVegaBeltran J; Trevino C L; Darszon A (Reprint)  
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 AB The direct electrophysiological characterization of sperm Ca2+ channels has been precluded by their small size and flat shape. An alternative to study these channels is to use spermatogenic cells, the progenitors of sperm, which are larger and easier to patch-clamp. In mouse and rat, the only voltage-dependent Ca2+ currents displayed by these cells are of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* \*\*\*type\*\*\*. Because compounds that block these currents inhibit the zona pellucida-induced Ca2+ uptake and the sperm acrosome reaction (AR) at similar concentrations, it is likely that they are fundamental for this process. Recent single channel recordings in mouse sperm demonstrated the presence of a Cl- channel. This channel and the

zona pellucida (ZP)-induced AR were inhibited by niflumic acid (NA), an anion channel blocker [Espinoza et al. (1998): FEBS lett 426:47-51].

Because NA and other anion channel blockers modulate cationic channels as well, it became important to determine whether they affect the \*\*\*T\*\*\*

- \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents of spermatogenic cells. These currents were blocked in a voltage-dependent manner by NA, 1,9-dideoxyforskolin (DDF), and 5-nitro-2-(3-phenylpropylamine)benzoic acid (NPPB). The IC<sub>50</sub> values at -20 mV were 43 μM for NA, 28 μM for DDF, and 15 μM for NPPB.

Moreover, DDF partially inhibited the ZP-induced AR (40% at 1 μM) and NPPB displayed an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 6 μM for this reaction. These results

suggest that NA and DDF do not inhibit the ZP-induced AR by blocking \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents, while NPPB may do so.

Interestingly 200 μM NA was basically unable to inhibit alpha 1E Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes, questioning that this alpha subunit

codes for the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels present in spermatogenic cells. Evidence for the presence of alpha 1C, alpha 1G, and alpha 1H in mouse pachytene spermatocytes and in round and condensing spermatids is presented. Dev. Genet. 25:103-114, 1999. (C) 1999 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 232KP  
TITLE: The effect of alpha 2-delta and other accessory subunits

on expression and properties of the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* alpha 1G

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AB 1. The effect has been examined of the accessory alpha 2-delta and beta subunits on the properties of alpha 1G-currents expressed in monkey COS-7 cells and *Xenopus* oocytes.

2. In immunocytochemical experiments, the co-expression of alpha 2-delta increased plasma membrane localization of expressed alpha 1G and conversely the heterologous expression of alpha 1G increased immunostaining for endogenous alpha 2-delta, suggesting an interaction between the two subunits.

3. Heterologous expression of alpha 2-delta together with alpha 1G in COS-7 cells increased the amplitude of expressed alpha 1G currents by about 2-fold. This finding was confirmed in the *Xenopus* oocyte expression system. The truncated delta construct did not increase alpha 1G current amplitude, or increase its plasma membrane expression. This indicates that it is the exofacial alpha 2 domain that is involved in the enhancement by alpha 2-delta.

4. beta 1b also produced an increase of functional expression of alpha 1G, either in the absence or the presence of heterologously expressed alpha 2-delta, whereas the other beta subunits had much smaller effects.

5. None of the accessory subunits had any marked influence on the voltage dependence or kinetics of the expressed alpha 1G currents. These results therefore suggest that alpha 2-delta and beta 1b interact with alpha 1G to increase trafficking of, or stabilize, functional alpha 1G channels expressed at the plasma membrane.

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TITLE: Determinants of voltage-dependent inactivation affect

Mibefradil block of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB The voltage gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channel\*\*\* family is a major target for a range of therapeutic drugs. Mibefradil (Ro 40-5967) belongs to a new chemical class of these molecules which differs from other Ca<sup>2+</sup> antagonists by its ability to potentially block \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels. However, this molecule has also been shown to inhibit other Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel subtypes. To further analyze the mechanism governing the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel-Mibefradil interaction, we examined the effect of Mibefradil on various recombinant Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed in mammalian cells from their cloned cDNAs, using Ca<sup>2+</sup> as the permeant ion at physiological concentration. Expression of alpha1A, alpha1C and alpha1E in tsA 201 cells resulted in Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents with functional characteristics closely related to those of their native counterparts. Mibefradil blocked alpha1A and alpha1E with a K<sub>d</sub> comparable to that reported for \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

channels, but had a lower affinity (approx30-fold) for alpha1C. For each channel, inhibition by Mibefradil was consistent with high-affinity binding to the inactivated state. Modulation of the voltage-dependent inactivation properties by the nature of the coexpressed beta subunit or the \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* splice variant altered block at the Mibefradil receptor site. Therefore, we conclude that the tissue

and sub-cellular localization of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits as well as their specific associations are essential parameters to understand the in vivo effects of Mibefradil.

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TITLE: Selective peptide antagonist of the class E

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* from the venom of the tarantula *Hysteroocrates gigas*

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FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*

AB We describe the first potent and selective blocker of the class E

Ca<sup>2+</sup>-channel. SNX-482, a novel 41 amino acid peptide present in the venom of the African tarantula, *Hysteroocrates gigas*, was identified through its ability to inhibit human class E Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels stably expressed in a

mammalian cell line. An IC<sub>50</sub> of 15-30 nM was obtained for block of the class E Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel, using either patch clamp electrophysiology or

K<sup>+</sup>-evoked Ca<sup>2+</sup> flux. At low nanomolar concentrations, SNX-482 also blocked a native resistant or R-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current in rat neurohypophyseal nerve terminals, but concentrations of 200-500 nM had no effect on R-type Ca<sup>2+</sup>

currents in several types of rat central neurons. The peptide has the sequence GVDKAGCRYMFGGCSVNDCCPRLGCHSLFSY CAWDLTFSD-OH and is homologous to the spider peptides grammatotoxin S1A and hanatoxin, both peptides with very

different ion channel blocking selectivities. No effect of SNX-482 was observed on the following ion channel activities: Na<sup>+</sup> or K<sup>+</sup> currents in several cultured cell types (up to 500 nM); K<sup>+</sup> current through cloned

potassium channels Kv1.1 and Kv1.4 expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes (up to 140 nM); Ca<sup>2+</sup> flux through L- and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels in an anterior pituitary cell line (GH3, up to 500 nM);

and Ba2+ current  
through class A Ca2+ channels expressed in  
Xenopus oocytes (up to 280 nM).  
A weak effect was noted on Ca2+ current through  
cloned and stably  
expressed class B Ca2+ channels (IC50 > 500 nM).  
The unique selectivity of  
SNX-482 suggests its usefulness in studying the  
diversity, function, and  
pharmacology of class E and/or R-type Ca2+  
channels.

L6 ANSWER 58 OF 104 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:778879 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:107992  
TITLE: Single-cell RT-PCR and functional  
characterization of  
Ca2+ channels in motoneurons of the rat  
facial nucleus  
AUTHOR(S): Plant, T. D.; Schirra, C.; Katz,  
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Konnerth, A.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: I. Physiologisches  
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Saarlandes, Homburg, 66421, Germany  
SOURCE: J. Neurosci. (1998), 18(23),  
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CODEN: JNRSDS; ISSN: 0270-6474  
PUBLISHER: Society for Neuroscience  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels are a major  
pathway for Ca2+ entry in  
neurons. We have studied the electrophysiol.,  
pharmacol., and mol.  
properties of voltage-gated Ca2+ channels in  
motoneurons of the rat facial  
nucleus in slices of the brainstem. Most facial  
motoneurons express both  
low voltage-activated (LVA) and high  
voltage-activated (HVA) Ca2+ channel  
currents. The HVA current is composed of a no. of  
pharmacol. separable  
components, including 30% of N-type and approx. 5%  
of L-type. Despite the  
dominating role of P-type Ca2+ channels in  
transmitter release at facial  
motoneuron terminals described in previous studies,  
these channels were  
not present in the cell body. Remarkably, most of  
the HVA current was  
carried through a new type of Ca2+ channel that is  
resistant to toxin and  
dihydropyridine block but distinct from the R-type  
currents described in  
other neurons. Using reverse transcription followed  
by PCR amplification  
(RT-PCR) with a powerful set of primers designed  
to amplify all HVA  
subtypes of the. \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*. \*\*\*1\*\*\*  
-subunit, we identified a  
highly heterogeneous expression pattern of Ca2+  
channel. \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*1\*\*\* -subunit mRNA in individual neurons  
consistent with the Ca2+  
current components found in the cell bodies and  
axon terminals. We  
detected mRNA for .alpha.1A in 86% of neurons,  
.alpha.1B in 59%, .alpha.1C  
in 18%, .alpha.1D in 18%, and .alpha.1E in 59%.  
Either .alpha.1A or  
.alpha.1B mRNAs (or both) were present in all  
neurons, together with  
various other. \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*. \*\*\*1\*\*\* -subunit  
mRNAs. The most  
frequently occurring combination was .alpha.1A with  
.alpha.1B and  
.alpha.1E. Taken together, these results demonstrate  
that the Ca2+  
channel pattern found in facial motoneurons is highly  
distinct from that  
found in other brainstem motoneurons.  
REFERENCE COUNT: 48  
REFERENCE(S): (1) Bargas, J; J Neurosci  
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(2) Catterall, W; Annu Rev Biochem  
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P1089 CAPLUS  
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V18, P89 CAPLUS  
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P762 CAPLUS  
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L6 ANSWER 59 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 17  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999003395 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99003395  
TITLE: Low-voltage-activated Ca2+ currents  
are generated by  
members of the CavT subunit family  
(alpha1G/H) in rat  
primary sensory neurons.  
AUTHOR: Lambert R C; McKenna F; Maulet  
Y; Talley E M; Bayliss D A;  
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratoire de  
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CONTRACT NUMBER: HL 57828 (NHLBI)  
NS 33583 (NINDS)  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE,  
(1998 Nov 1) 18 (21) 8605-13.  
Journal code: JDF. ISSN: 0270-6474.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199902  
ENTRY WEEK: 19990204  
AB Recently, two members of a new family of Ca2+  
channel \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\*  
subunits, alpha1G (or CavT.1) and alpha1H (or  
CavT.2), have been cloned  
and expressed. These \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunits  
generate Ba2+ currents  
similar to the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
currents present in sensory  
neurons. Here, we use three methods to investigate  
whether the T currents  
of nodose ganglion neurons are encoded by  
members of the CavT family. PCR  
detected the presence of mRNA encoding both  
alpha1G and alpha1H, as well  
as a third highly related sequence, alpha1I. In situ  
hybridizations  
performed on nodose ganglia demonstrate a high  
expression of alpha1H  
subunit RNAs. Transfection of nodose ganglion  
neurons with a generic  
antisense oligonucleotide against this new  
\*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunit family  
selectively suppresses the low-voltage-activated  
Ca2+ current. The  
antisense oligonucleotide effect increased with time  
after transfection  
and reached a maximum 3 d after treatment,  
indicating a 2-3 d turnover for  
the \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* proteins. Taken together, these  
results suggest that  
the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current present in the  
sensory neurons is  
mainly attributable to alpha1H channels. In addition,  
taking advantage of  
the high specificity of the antisense ON to the cloned  
channels, we showed  
that \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents greatly  
slowed the repolarization  
occurring during an action potential and were  
responsible for up to 51% of  
the Ca2+ entry during spikes. Therefore, the  
antisense strategy clearly  
demonstrates the role of low-voltage-activated Ca2+  
current in affecting  
the afterpotential properties and influencing the cell  
excitability. Such  
tools should be beneficial to further studies  
investigating physiological  
roles of \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ currents.

L6 ANSWER 60 OF 104 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 18  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998420198 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98420198  
TITLE: Mechanisms of spontaneous cytosolic  
Ca2+ transients in  
differentiated human neuronal cells.  
AUTHOR: Gao Z Y; Chen M; Collins H W;  
Matschinsky F M; Lee V M;  
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USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: AG09215 (NIA)  
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SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF  
NEUROSCIENCE, (1998 Jul) 10 (7)  
2416-25.  
Journal code: BYG. ISSN: 0953-816X.  
PUB. COUNTRY: France  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199812  
ENTRY WEEK: 19981204  
AB We have studied Ca2+ homeostasis in a unique  
model of human neurons, the  
NT2N cell, which differentiates from a human  
teratocarcinoma cell line,  
NTera2/C1.D1 by retinoic acid treatment. When  
perfused with Krebs-HEPES  
buffer containing 2.5 mM CaCl2, fura-2 loaded  
NT2N cells produced  
spontaneous cytosolic Ca2+ oscillations, or Ca2+  
transients. These  
cytosolic Ca2+ transients were not blocked by  
antagonists of glutamate  
(6-cyano-7-nitroquinoxaline-2,3-dione and  
D(-)-2-amino-5-  
phosphonopentanoic acid) or muscarinic (atropine)  
receptors. Omission of  
extracellular Ca2+ completely abolished Ca2+  
oscillations and decreased  
the average Ca2+ level from 106 +/- 14 nM to 59 +/-  
8 nM. Addition of the  
L-type Ca2+ channel blocker nifedipine (1 or 10  
microM) or of the N-type  
inhibitor omega-conotoxin GVIA (5 microM)  
significantly, although  
incompletely, suppressed Ca2+ oscillations, while  
omega-conotoxin MVIIC (5  
microM), a selective antagonist of P- and  
Q-channels, had no effect. Ni2+,  
at 100 microM, a concentration selective for  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
channels, did not inhibit Ca2+ transients.  
Non-specific blockage of Ca2+  
channels by higher concentrations of Ni2+ (2-5 mM)  
or Co2+ (1 mM)  
abolished Ca2+ oscillations completely. The  
endoplasmic reticulum  
Ca2+-ATPase inhibitor, thapsigargin (1 microM),  
slightly decreased Ca2+  
oscillation frequency, and induced a small transitory  
increase in the  
average cytosolic Ca2+ concentration. The mRNAs  
of L- (alpha1D subunit)  
and N-type (alpha1B subunit) Ca2+ channel were  
present in NT2N cells,  
while that of a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
channel ( \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\*  
-subunit) was not present in the NT2N cells as  
shown by reverse  
transcription-polymerase chain reaction. In  
conclusion, NT2N neuronal  
cells generate cytosolic Ca2+ oscillations mainly by  
influx of  
extracellular Ca2+ through multiple channels, which  
include L- and N-type  
channels, and do not require activation of glutamate  
or muscarinic  
receptors.

L6 ANSWER 61 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 19  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999055409 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99055409  
 TITLE: Voltage dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in  
 mammalian spermatozoa.  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: ES 06100 (NIEHS)  
 SOURCE: FRONTIERS IN BIOSCIENCE,  
 (1998 Dec 1) 3 D1220-40. Ref: 254  
 Journal code: CUE. ISSN: 1093-4715.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 General Review; (REVIEW)  
 (REVIEW, ACADEMIC)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199903  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19990301  
 AB Calcium influx is an absolute requirement for the  
 physiological acrosome  
 reaction in sperm from all sources examined, both  
 invertebrate and  
 mammalian. Pharmacological studies suggest that the  
 major channel in the  
 sperm head plasma membrane responsible for  
 modulating calcium entry and  
 intracellular ionized calcium levels could be either  
 an L-type (a class of  
 high voltage-activated) or a \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\* (low  
 voltage-activated) voltage-dependent  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*.  
 Patch clamp analysis of calcium currents in immature  
 spermatogenic cells  
 demonstrates the presence of \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents.  
 Therefore, an argument has been put forth that the  
 acrosome reaction of  
 ejaculated sperm is regulated by a \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*. However,  
 indirect analysis of calcium  
 currents in mature sperm after transfer of ion  
 channels to planar lipid  
 bilayers detects three current types, including that  
 similar, but not  
 identical, to an L-type channel, but no \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 currents. Molecular cloning of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*I\*\*\* pore  
 forming subunit of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* expressed in the  
 male reproductive tract and in ejaculated sperm has  
 resolved this  
 controversy, demonstrating the existence of only  
 high voltage-activated  
 channels. Further analysis of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*I\*\*\* subunit  
 isoform from rat and human testis and sperm  
 suggests that, as a result of  
 alternate splicing, this L-type \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*I\*\*\* subunit could  
 produce calcium currents that were T-like, e.g.,  
 transient, rapidly  
 inactivating with slow deactivation. Multiple splice  
 variants of this  
 isoform were detected in human testis, suggesting a  
 correlation with  
 intra-individual variation in the ability of sperm to  
 undergo an induced  
 acrosome reaction and with male infertility. These  
 variants could be  
 developed as useful biomarkers for susceptibility to  
 environmental and  
 occupational toxicants. Knowledge of  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 structure will also contribute to design of new male  
 contraceptives based  
 on existing \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
 antagonists.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998.330293 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:63232  
 TITLE: Endogenous pacemaker activity of  
 rat tumor  
 somatotrophs  
 AUTHOR(S): Kwicien, Renata; Robert,  
 Christophe; Cannon, Robert;  
 Vignes, Stephan; Arnoux, Annie;  
 Kordon, Claude;  
 Hammond, Constance  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Unite de Dynamique des  
 Systemes Neuroendocriniens,  
 INSERM U159, Paris, 75014, Fr.  
 SOURCE: J. Physiol. (Cambridge, U. K.)  
 (1998), 508(3), 883-905  
 CODEN: JPHYA7; ISSN: 0022-3751  
 PUBLISHER: Cambridge University Press  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Cells derived from a rat pituitary tumor (GC cell  
 line) that continuously  
 release growth hormone behave as endogenous  
 pacemakers. In simultaneous  
 patch clamp recordings and cytosolic Ca2+ concn.  
 ([Ca2+]i) imaging, they  
 displayed rhythmic action potentials (44.7 mV, 178  
 ms, 0.30 Hz) and  
 concomitant [Ca2+]i transients (374 nM, 1.0 s, 0.27  
 Hz). Action  
 potentials and [Ca2+]i transients were reversibly  
 blocked by removal of  
 external Ca2+, addn. of nifedipine (1 .mu.M) or  
 Ni2+ (40 .mu.M), but were  
 insensitive to TTX (1 .mu.M). An L-type Ca2+  
 current activated at -33.6  
 mV (holding potential (Vh), -40 mV), peaked at -1.8  
 mV, was reduced by  
 nifedipine and enhanced by S-(+)-SDZ 202791. A  
 T/R-type Ca2+ current  
 activated at -41.7 mV (Vh, -80 or -60 mV), peaked  
 at -9.2 mV, was reduced  
 by low concns. of Ni2+ (40 .mu.M) or Cd2+ (10  
 .mu.M) and was  
 toxin-resistant. Parallel expts. revealed the  
 expression of the class E  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*. \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*I\*\*\* -subunit  
 mRNA. The K+ channel blockers TEA (25 mM)  
 and charybdotoxin (10-100 nM)  
 enhanced spike amplitude and/or duration. Apamin  
 (100 nM) also strongly  
 reduced the after-spike hyperpolarization. The  
 outward K+ tail current  
 evoked by a depolarizing step that mimicked an  
 action potential reversed  
 at -69.8 mV, presented two components, lasted 2-3 s  
 and was totally  
 blocked by Cd2+ (400 .mu.M). The slow pacemaker  
 depolarization (3.5 s)  
 that sepd. consecutive spikes corresponded to a  
 2-3-fold increase in  
 membrane resistance, was strongly Na+-sensitive,  
 but TTX-insensitive.  
 Computer simulations showed that pacemaker  
 activity can be reproduced by a  
 min. of six currents: an L-type Ca2+ current  
 underlies the rising phase of  
 action potentials that are repolarized by a delayed  
 rectifier and  
 Ca2+-activated K+ currents. In between spikes, the  
 decay of  
 Ca2+-activated K+ currents and a persistent inward  
 cationic current  
 depolarize the membrane, activate the T/R-type  
 Ca2+ current and initiate a  
 new cycle.

L6 ANSWER 63 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 20  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998370780 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98370780  
 TITLE: Antisense depletion of beta-subunits  
 fails to affect  
 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 properties in a neuroblastoma cell line.  
 AUTHOR: Leuranguer V; Bourinet E; Lory P;  
 Nargeot J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Genetique

Humaine (UPR 1142), Montpellier,  
 France.  
 SOURCE: NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, (1998  
 Jun) 37 (6) 701-8.  
 Journal code: NZB. ISSN: 0028-3908.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199901  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19990104  
 AB Voltage-gated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* can be classified into  
 high voltage activated (HVA) and low voltage  
 activated (LVA or \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
 - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) subtypes. The molecular diversity  
 of HVA channels  
 primarily results from different genes encoding their  
 pore-forming  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits. These channels share a  
 common structure with an  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunit associated with at least two  
 regulatory subunits  
 (beta, alpha2-delta). Any of the six \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 -related channels  
 identified to date are regulated in their functional  
 properties through an  
 interaction with the ancillary beta-subunit. By  
 contrast, the diversity  
 and the molecular identity of LVA or \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* have yet to be  
 defined. Whether LVA  
 channels are modulated by a beta-subunit, like HVA  
 channels, is unknown.  
 To address this issue, we have used an antisense  
 strategy to inhibit  
 beta-subunit expression in the NG 108-15  
 neuroblastoma cell line.  
 Differentiated NG 108-15 cells express both LVA  
 and HVA channels. We found  
 that LVA currents were unaffected when cells were  
 incubated with  
 beta-antisense, while HVA currents were drastically  
 decreased. Since LVA  
 Ca channel currents in NG 108-15 cells are not  
 regulated by beta-subunits,  
 it is reasonable to postulate that the pore-forming  
 subunit(s) of these  
 channels lacks an interaction domain with a  
 beta-subunit (AID). This  
 molecular feature, which is common to various  
 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 channels, indicates further that LVA  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 belong to a channel family structurally distant from  
 HVA channels.

L6 ANSWER 64 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 21  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998355943 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98355943  
 TITLE: Electrophysiological properties of  
 neonatal rat ventricular  
 myocytes with \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 -adrenergic-induced  
 hypertrophy.  
 AUTHOR: Gaughan J P; Hefner C A; Houser S  
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology,  
 Temple University School of  
 Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 19140, USA.  
 SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF  
 PHYSIOLOGY, (1998 Aug) 275 (2 Pt 2)  
 H577-90.  
 Journal code: 3U8. ISSN: 0002-9513.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199811  
 AB The electrophysiology of neonatal rat ventricular  
 myocytes with and  
 without hypertrophy has not been characterized. The  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 -adrenergic agonist phenylephrine induced  
 hypertrophy in neonatal rat  
 ventricular myocytes. After 48 h of exposure to 20

microM phenylephrine, cell surface area of hypertrophied myocytes was 44% larger than control. Action potential duration was significantly longer in hypertrophy than in control. There was an increase in L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current in control after 48 h in culture, but current density was significantly less in hypertrophy (-4.7 +/- 0.8 hypertrophy vs. -10.7 +/- 1.2 control pA/pF, n = 22, P < 0.05). \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> current density was not different. The alpha-adrenergic antagonist prazosin blocked the hypertrophy and the chronic effect of phenylephrine on L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current. Transient outward K<sup>+</sup> current density was decreased 70% in hypertrophy and was blocked with 4-aminopyridine. No change in Na<sup>+</sup> current density was observed. Staurosporine, a protein kinase C inhibitor, eliminated the hypertrophy and the effect on L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> current. These studies showed that phenylephrine-induced hypertrophy occurred via the \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* -adrenergic pathway and caused electrophysiological changes and effects on ion channel expression.

L6 ANSWER 65 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:8432 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV19990008432  
 TITLE: Low-voltage-activated ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* )  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* genes identified.  
 AUTHOR(S): Huguenard, John R. (1)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Neurol. Neurol. Sci., Stanford Univ. Sch. Med., Stanford, CA 94305-5122 USA  
 SOURCE: Trends in Neurosciences, (Nov., 1998) Vol. 21, No. 11, pp. 451-452.  
 ISSN: 0166-2236.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
 LANGUAGE: English

L6 ANSWER 66 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 22  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998384559 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98384559  
 TITLE: The effect of overexpression of auxiliary Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel subunits on native Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel currents in undifferentiated mammalian NG108-15 cells.  
 AUTHOR: Wyatt C N; Page K M; Berrow N S; Brice N L; Dolphin A C  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pharmacology, University College London, UK.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY, (1998 Jul 15) 510 ( Pt 2) 347-60.  
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 ENTRY MONTH: 199901  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19990104  
 AB 1. High voltage activated (HVA) Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels are composed of a pore-forming \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit and the accessory beta and alpha2-delta subunits. However, the subunit composition of low voltage activated (LVA), or \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* , Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels has yet to be elucidated. We have examined whether native \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in NG108-15 mouse neuroblastoma x rat glioma hybrid cells, which express predominantly LVA currents when undifferentiated, are modulated by overexpression of accessory \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits. 2. Endogenous alpha 1A, B, C, C, and E,

and low levels of beta and alpha 2-delta subunit protein were demonstrated in undifferentiated NG108-15 cells. 3. The alpha 2-delta, beta 2a or beta 1b accessory subunits were overexpressed by transfection of the cDNAs into these cells, and the effect examined on the endogenous Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel currents. Heterologous expression, particularly of alpha 2-delta but also of beta 2a subunits clearly affected the profile of these currents. Both subunits induced a sustained component in the currents evoked by depolarizing voltages above -30 mV, and alpha 2-delta additionally caused a depolarization in the voltage dependence of current activation, suggesting that it also affected the native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* currents. In contrast, beta 1b overexpression had no effect on the endogenous Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents, despite immunocytochemical evidence for its expression in the transfected cells. 4 These results suggest that in NG108-15 cells, overexpression of the Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel accessory subunits alpha 2-delta and beta 2a induce a sustained component of HVA current, and alpha 2-delta also influences the voltage dependence of activation of the LVA current. It is possible that native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits are not associated with beta subunits.

L6 ANSWER 67 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 23  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998150958 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98150958  
 TITLE: Known \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunits can form low threshold small conductance channels with similarities to native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels.  
 AUTHOR: Meir A; Dolphin A C  
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 SOURCE: NEURON, (1998 Feb) 20 (2) 341-51.  
 Journal code: AN8. ISSN: 0896-6273.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199805  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19980503  
 AB Native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* are low voltage-activated and have a small single channel conductance of 5-8 pS, which distinguishes them from any known cloned \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* whose conductances are 12-25 pS. Here, we show that when alpha1B, alpha1E, or alpha1C are expressed in COS7 cells, which contain no endogenous \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* subunits or \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* , they each exhibit a 4-7 pS channel as well as a large conductance channel. At low depolarizations, or when the \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunit is expressed in the absence of auxiliary alpha2-delta or beta subunits, the small conductance channels are seen alone, and their biophysical properties, including voltage dependence and kinetics of activation and inactivation, are very similar to native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* .

L6 ANSWER 68 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:479530 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199800479530  
 TITLE: Molecular characterization of a novel family of low voltage-activated, \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* , \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* .  
 AUTHOR(S): Perez-Reyes, Edward (1)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Physiol., Cardiovasc. Inst., Loyola Univ. Med. Cent., Maywood, IL 60153 USA  
 SOURCE: Journal of Bioenergetics and Biomembranes, (Aug., 1998) Vol. 30, No. 4, pp. 313-318.  
 ISSN: 0145-479X.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Low voltage-activated, \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* , \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* are thought to be involved in pacemaker activity, low threshold Ca<sup>2+</sup> spikes, neuronal oscillations and resonance, and rebound burst firing. Mutations in \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* channel genes may be a contributing factor to neurological and cardiovascular disorders, such as epilepsy, arrhythmia, and hypertension. Due to the lack of selective blockers, little is known about their structure or molecular biology. This review discusses our recent findings on the cloning, chromosomal localization, and functional expression, of two novel channels, alpha1G and alpha1H. The biophysical properties of these cloned channels (distinctive voltage dependence, kinetics, and single channel conductance) demonstrates that these channels are members of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel family.

L6 ANSWER 69 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 24  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999191101 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99191101  
 TITLE: Structure and function of neuronal Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels and their role in neurotransmitter release.  
 AUTHOR: Catterall W A  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pharmacology, University of Washington, Seattle 98195-7280, USA.  
 SOURCE: CELL CALCIUM, (1998 Nov-Dec) 24 (5-6) 307-23. Ref: 151  
 Journal code: CQE. ISSN: 0143-4160.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: SCOTLAND: United Kingdom  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 General Review; (REVIEW)  
 (REVIEW, ACADEMIC)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199908  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19990801  
 AB Electrophysiological studies of neurons reveal different Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents designated L-, N-, P-, Q-, R-, and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* . High-voltage-activated neuronal Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels are complexes of a pore-forming \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit of about 190-250 kDa, a transmembrane, disulfide-linked complex of alpha 2 and delta subunits, and an intracellular beta subunit, similar to the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* , alpha 2 delta, and beta subunits previously described for skeletal muscle Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels. The primary structures of these subunits have all been determined by homology cDNA cloning using the corresponding subunits of skeletal muscle Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels as probes. In most neurons, L-type channels contain alpha 1C or alpha 1D subunits, N-type contain alpha 1B subunits,

P- and Q-types contain alternatively spliced forms of alpha 1A subunits, R-type contain alpha 1E subunits, and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* contain alpha 1G or alpha 1H subunits. Association with different beta subunits also influences Ca2+ channel gating substantially, yielding a remarkable diversity of functionally distinct molecular species of Ca2+ channels in neurons.

L6 ANSWER 70 OF 104 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:359279 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:120585  
 TITLE: Does alpha 1E code for \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
 - \*\*\*type\*\*\*

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* ? A comparison of recombinant .alpha.1E \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* with GH3 pituitary

\*\*\*T\*\*\* . \*\*\*type\*\*\* and recombinant .alpha.1B \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*

AUTHOR(S): Rock, David M.; Horne, William A.; Stoeck, Sally J.; Hashimoto, Chica; Zhou, Mei; Cong, Ruth; Palma, Andrew; Hidayetoglu, Debra; Offord, James  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Neuroscience Therapeutics, Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research Division, Warner-Lambert Company, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

SOURCE: Low-Voltage-Act. T-type Calcium Channels, Proc. Int. Electrophysiol. Meet. (1998), Meeting Date 1996, 279-289. Editor(s): Tsien, Richard W.; Clozel, Jean-Paul; Nargeot, Joel. Adis International Ltd.: Chester, UK. CODEN: 66EIAQ

DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB Expression of .alpha.1E (E class) subunits in Xenopus oocytes or in mammalian cell lines produces \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* that show rapid inactivation. It was originally proposed that .alpha.1E was the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit for low-voltage-activated (LVA) \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*. Under identical recording conditions, the authors compared biophys. and pharmacol. properties of .alpha.1E expressed in HEK293 cells with .alpha.1B (B class) expressed in the same cell line and LVA \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* currents in a rat pituitary cell line (GH3). .alpha.1E \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* showed biophys. properties that were similar to those of .alpha.1B channels, activation voltages that were depolarized relative to GH3 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current and potent block by Ca12+ and the non-selective \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\* toxin .omega.-Aga-IIIa. These features of .alpha.1E \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* are similar to those of R-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* described in cerebellar granule neurons, and not to GH3 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* or other LVA \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*.

L6 ANSWER 71 OF 104 SCISEARCH COPYRIGHT 2001 ISI (R)  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:781737  
 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: 125MZ  
 TITLE: New isoform of the neuronal Ca2+

channel alpha 1E subunit in islets of Langerhans and kidney - Distribution of voltage-gated Ca2+ channel \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*

\*\*\*|\*\*\* subunits in cell lines and tissues  
 AUTHOR: Vajna R; Schramm M; Pereverzev A; Arnhold S; Grabsch H; Klockner U; PerezReyes E; Hescheler J; Schneider T

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 CORPORATE SOURCE: UNIV COLOGNE, INST NEUROPHYSIOL, ROBERT KOCH STR 39, D-50931 COLOGNE, GERMANY  
 (Reprint); UNIV COLOGNE, INST NEUROPHYSIOL, D-50931 COLOGNE, GERMANY; UNIV COLOGNE, INST ANAT 1, D-5000 COLOGNE, GERMANY; KLINIKUM LEVERKUSEN, INST PATHOL, LEVERKUSEN, GERMANY; UNIV COLOGNE, INST VET PHYSIOL, COLOGNE, GERMANY; LOYOLA UNIV, MED CTR, CARDIOVASC INST, CHICAGO, IL; LOYOLA UNIV, MED CTR, DEPT PHYSIOL, CHICAGO, IL  
 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: GERMANY; USA  
 SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (OCT 1998) Vol. 257, No. 1, pp. 274-285.

Publisher: SPRINGER VERLAG, 175 FIFTH AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10010.  
 ISSN: 0014-2956.

DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 REFERENCE COUNT: 57  
 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
 AB The expression of Ca2+ channel alpha 1E isoforms has been analyzed in different cell lines, embryoid bodies and tissues. The comparison of the different cloned alpha 1E cDNA sequences led to the prediction of alpha 1E splice variants. Transcripts of two cloned alpha 1E isoforms, which are discriminated by a carboxy terminal 129-bp sequence, have been detected in different cell lines and tissues. Transcripts of the shorter alpha 1E isoform have been assigned to the rat cerebrum and to neuron-like cells from in vitro. differentiated embryonic stem cells. The shorter isoform is the major transcript amplified from total RNA by reverse transcription (RT)-PCR and visualized on the protein level by Western blotting with common and isoform-specific antibodies. Transcripts of the longer alpha 1E isoform have been identified in mouse, rat and human cerebellum. in vitro. differentiated embryoid bodies, in the insulinoma cell lines INS-1 (rat) and beta TC-3 (mouse). in the pituitary cell line AtT-20 (mouse) when grown in 5 mM glucose, and in islets of Langerhans (rat) and kidney (rat and human). The detection of different-isoforms of alpha 1E in cell lines and tissues shows that the wide expression of alpha 1E has to be specified by identifying the corresponding isoforms in each tissue. In islets of Langerhans and in kidney, a distinct isoform called alpha 1Ee has been determined by RT-PCR, while in cerebellum a set of different alpha 1E structures has been detected, which might reflect the functional heterogeneity of cerebellar neurons. The tissue-specific expression of different isoforms might be related to specific functions, which are not yet known, but the expression of the new isoform alpha 1Ee in islets of Langerhans and kidney leads to the suggestion that

alpha 1E might be involved in the modulation of the Ca2+-mediated hormone secretion.

L6 ANSWER 72 OF 104 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:359266 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:133906  
 TITLE: Localization and function of brain \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*

\*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 AUTHOR(S): Catterall, William A.; Westenbroek, Ruth E.; Herlitze, Stefan; Yokoyama, Charles T.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pharmacology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA  
 SOURCE: Low-Voltage-Act. T-type Calcium Channels, Proc. Int. Electrophysiol. Meet. (1998), Meeting Date 1996, 207-217. Editor(s): Tsien, Richard W.; Clozel, Jean-Paul; Nargeot, Joel. Adis International Ltd.: Chester, UK. CODEN: 66EIAQ

DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference; General Review  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB A review with 43 refs. Ca2+ channels in the brain are complexes consisting of an . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit (190-250 kDa), .alpha.2.delta. subunits (disulfide-linked dimers of 140 and 27 kDa), and a .beta. subunit (55-72 kDa). The different physiol. and pharmacol. properties of the various Ca2+ channel subtypes (L, N, P, Q, R, and \*\*\*T\*\*\* \*\*\*types\*\*\* ) are thought to be detd. by their . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunits. Five distinct . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunits, designated .alpha.1A to .alpha.1E are expressed in brain. Here, research from the authors' lab. focusing on the biochem. properties, subcellular localization, and functional specialization of these related neuronal . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunits are discussed.

L6 ANSWER 73 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 25  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998171311 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98171311  
 TITLE: Calcium currents and transients of native and heterologously expressed mutant skeletal muscle DHP receptor \*\*\*alpha|\*\*\* subunits (R528H).  
 AUTHOR: Jurkat-Rott K; Uetz U; Pika-Hartlaub U; Powell J; Fontaine B; Melzer W; Lehmann-Horn F  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Abteilung fur Angewandte Physiologie, Universitat Ulm, Germany.  
 SOURCE: FEBS LETTERS, (1998 Feb 20) 423 (2) 198-204.  
 Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199806  
 AB Rabbit cDNA of the \*\*\*alpha|\*\*\* subunit of the skeletal muscle dihydropyridine (DHP) receptor was functionally expressed in a muscular dysgenesis mouse (mdg) cell line, GLT. L-type calcium currents and transients were recorded for the wild type and a mutant \*\*\*alpha|\*\*\* subunit carrying an R528H substitution in the supposed voltage sensor of the second channel domain that is linked to a human



disease, hypokalemic periodic paralysis. L-type channels expressed in GLT myotubes exhibited currents similar to those described for primary cultured mdg cells injected with rabbit wild type cDNA, indicating this system to be useful for functional studies of heterologous DHP receptors. Voltage dependence and kinetics of activation and inactivation of L-type calcium currents from mutant and wild type channels did not differ significantly. Intracellular calcium release activation measured by fura-2 microfluorimetry was not grossly altered by the mutation either. Analogous measurements on myotubes of three human R528H carriers revealed calcium transients comparable to controls while the voltage dependence of both activation and inactivation of the L-type current showed a shift to more negative potentials of approximately 6 mV. Similar effects on the voltage dependence of the fast \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current and changes in the expression level of the third-type calcium current point to factors not primarily associated with the mutation perhaps participating in disease pathogenesis.

L6 ANSWER 74 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 26  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998333998 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98333998  
 TITLE: Cloning and characterization of alpha1H from human heart, a member of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel gene family.  
 AUTHOR: Cribbs L L; Lee J H; Yang J; Satin J; Zhang Y; Daud A; Barclay J; Williamson M P; Fox M; Rees M; Perez-Reyes E  
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 SOURCE: CIRCULATION RESEARCH, (1998 Jul 13) 83 (1) 103-9.  
 Journal code: DAJ. ISSN: 0009-7330.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 OTHER SOURCE: GENBANK-AF051946;  
 GENBANK-AF051947  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199810  
 AB Voltage-activated Ca2+ channels exist as multigene families that share common structural features. Different Ca2+ channels are distinguished by their electrophysiology and pharmacology and can be classified as either low or high voltage-activated channels. Six \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunit genes cloned previously code for high voltage-activated Ca2+ channels; therefore, we have used a database search strategy to identify new Ca2+ channel genes, possibly including low voltage-activated ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) channels. A novel expressed sequence-tagged cDNA clone of alpha1G was used to screen a cDNA library, and in the present study, we report the cloning of alpha1H (or CavT.2), a low voltage-activated Ca2+ channel from human heart. Northern blots of human mRNA detected more alpha1H expression in peripheral tissues, such as kidney and heart, than in brain. We mapped the gene, CACNA1H, to human chromosome 16p13.3 and mouse chromosome 17. Expression of alpha1H in HEK-293 cells resulted in

Ca2+ channel currents displaying voltage dependence, kinetics, and unitary conductance characteristic of native \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels. The alpha1H channel is sensitive to mibefradil, a nondihydropyridine Ca2+ channel blocker, with an IC50 of 1.4 micromol/L, consistent with the reported potency of mibefradil for \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels. Together with alpha1G, a rat brain \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channel also cloned in our laboratory, these genes define a unique family of Ca2+ channels.

L6 ANSWER 75 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
 2001 BIOSIS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:293627 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199800293627  
 TITLE: Single channel mechanism of mibefradil action on alpha1E-and \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
 AUTHOR(S): Handrock, R. (1); Schroeder, F. (1); Demirel-Yilmaz, E.; Kreuzberg, U. (1); Pereverzev, A.; Schneider, T.; Herzig, S. (1)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Pharmacol., Gleueler Str. 24, 50931 Cologne Germany  
 SOURCE: Naunyn-Schmiedeberg's Archives of Pharmacology, (1998) Vol. 357, No. 4 SUPPL, pp. R70.  
 Meeting Info.: 39th Spring Meeting of the German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Mainz, Germany March 17-19, 1998  
 German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology . ISSN: 0028-1298.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
 LANGUAGE: English

L6 ANSWER 76 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 27  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998231527 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98231527  
 TITLE: Voltage dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in adrenal glomerulosa cells and in insulin producing cells.  
 AUTHOR: Horvath A; Szabadkai G; Varnai P; Aranyi T; Wollheim C B; Spat A; Enyedi P  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology and Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, Semmelweis University of Medicine, Budapest, Hungary.  
 SOURCE: CELL CALCIUM, (1998 Jan) 23 (1) 33-42.  
 Journal code: CQE. ISSN: 0143-4160.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: SCOTLAND: United Kingdom  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199808  
 AB We have examined the structure and function of Ca2+ channels in excitable endocrine cell types, in rat adrenal glomerulosa cells and in two insulin producing cell types, the rat pancreatic beta cell and the INS-1 cell line. In previous studies on glomerulosa cells, we observed low ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and high threshold (L-type) voltage dependent Ca2+ currents in addition to a K+ induced inward rectifying Ca2+ current (Igl). beta cells are known to exhibit T-, L- and N-type currents. We have now found that INS-1 cells also show low threshold ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and high threshold Ca2+ currents. The latter was

further resolved by organic inhibitors into L-type and P/Q-type currents and no Igl was detected. The expression of the pore-forming \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* subunit of voltage dependent Ca2+ channels was studied by means of reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), followed by restriction enzyme mapping and/or sequencing. Both in glomerulosa and pancreatic beta cells, the neuroendocrine (D) class of the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* subunit, known to be responsible for L-type current, represents the majority of the PCR product. Comparable amounts of the neuroendocrine (D) and the neuronal A-type \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*1\*\*\* subunits dominate the message in INS-1 cells. Different characteristics of Ca2+ currents in these cell types is discussed in view of the channel repertoire.

L6 ANSWER 77 OF 104 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT  
 2001 BIOSIS  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:53497 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV19990053497  
 TITLE: The safety of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers.  
 AUTHOR(S): Massie, Barry M. (1)  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Univ. Calif. San Francisco, Cardiol. Div., VA Hosp., 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 USA  
 SOURCE: Clinical Cardiology, (Dec., 1998) Vol. 21, No. 12 SUPPL. 2, pp. II12-II17.  
 ISSN: 0160-9289.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers are widely used as an effective treatment for hypertension and angina. Several studies have raised questions about their safety, suggesting that \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers can increase the rates of myocardial infarction (MI) and death, particularly in patients with heart disease. Reviews of these studies have uncovered serious methodological shortcomings or have found them restricted to short-acting drugs, frequently at high doses or used inappropriately. One study was based on old data regarding only short-acting nifedipine, which has never been indicated for patients who have suffered an MI or unstable angina. A case-control study of short-acting verapamil, diltiazem, and nifedipine suggested an increased MI rate was confounded by the higher rates of diabetes and preexisting heart disease in the patients treated with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers. A third study reported significantly decreased survival only in patients taking short-acting nifedipine; in most of the cases reported, blood pressure was not controlled. While these studies alert us to the limitations of short-acting \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers and the necessity of considering side effects such as neurohormonal stimulation, a number of more recent, better-controlled studies have not confirmed increased risk with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers when appropriately employed. \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*channel\*\*\* blockers should still be considered first-line therapy in appropriately selected patients with hypertension or angina.

L6 ANSWER 78 OF 104 SCISEARCH  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:49547 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: YN574  
 TITLE: Antisense oligonucleotides against rat brain alpha(1E) DNA  
 and its atrial homologue decrease  
 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 calcium current in atrial myocytes  
 AUTHOR: PiedrasRenteria E S; Chen C C;  
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 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA  
 SOURCE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
 NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (23  
 DEC 1997) Vol. 94, No. 26,  
 pp. 14936-14941.  
 Publisher: NATL ACAD SCIENCES,  
 2101 CONSTITUTION AVE NW,  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20418.  
 ISSN: 0027-8424.  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Article; Journal  
 FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 REFERENCE COUNT: 38  
 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
 ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
 AB Low voltage-activated, or \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\*, calcium currents  
 are important regulators of neuronal and muscle  
 excitability, secretion,  
 and possibly cell growth and differentiation. The  
 gene (or genes) coding  
 for the pore-forming subunit of low voltage-activated  
 channel proteins has  
 not been unequivocally identified. We have used  
 reverse transcription-PCR  
 to identify partial clones from rat atrial myocytes that  
 share high  
 homology with a member of the E class of  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
 genes. Antisense oligonucleotides targeting one of  
 these partial clones  
 (raE1) specifically block the increase in T-current  
 density that normally  
 results when atrial myocytes are treated with  
 insulin-like growth factor I  
 (IGF-I). Antisense oligonucleotides targeting  
 portions of the neuronal rat  
 alpha(1E) sequence, which are not part of the clones  
 detected in atrial  
 tissue, also block the IGF-I-induced increase in  
 T-current, suggesting  
 that the high homology to alpha(1E) seen in the  
 partial clone may be  
 present in the complete atrial sequence. The basal  
 T-current expressed in  
 these cells is also blocked by antisense  
 oligonucleotides, which is  
 consistent with the notion that IGF-I up-regulates  
 the same gene that  
 encodes the basal current. These results support the  
 hypothesis that a  
 member of the E class of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channel\*\*\* genes encodes  
 a low voltage-activated \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channel\*\*\* in atrial  
 myocytes.

L6 ANSWER 79 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 28  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 97402507 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97402507  
 TITLE: \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
 current properties are not  
 modified by Ca2+ channel beta subunit  
 depletion in nodosus  
 ganglion neurons.  
 AUTHOR: Lambert R C; Maulet Y; Mouton J;  
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 Waard M; Feltz A  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Laboratoire de

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 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE,  
 (1997 Sep 1) 17 (17) 6621-8.  
 Journal code: JDF. ISSN: 0270-6474.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199711  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19971104  
 AB At the molecular level, our knowledge of the low  
 voltage-activated Ca2+  
 channel ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) has made little  
 progress. Using an  
 antisense strategy, we investigated the possibility  
 that the \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels have a structure similar to  
 high voltage-activated  
 Ca2+ channels. It is assumed that high  
 voltage-activated channels are made  
 of at least three components: a pore forming  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunit  
 combined with a cytoplasmic modulatory beta  
 subunit and a primarily  
 extracellular alpha2delta subunit. We have examined  
 the effect of  
 transfecting cranial primary sensory neurons with  
 generic anti-beta  
 antisense oligonucleotides. We show that in this cell  
 type, blocking  
 expression of all known beta gene products does not  
 affect \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
 \*\*\*type\*\*\* current, although it greatly decreases  
 the current amplitude  
 of high voltage-activated channels and modifies their  
 voltage dependence.  
 This suggests that beta subunits are likely not  
 constitutive of \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
 - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels in this cell type.

L6 ANSWER 80 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 29  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 97383272 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97383272  
 TITLE: Differential localization of  
 voltage-dependent  
 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* subunits  
 at the human and rat neuromuscular  
 junction.  
 AUTHOR: Day N C; Wood S J; Ince P G;  
 Volsen S G; Smith W; Slater C  
 R; Shaw P J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: MRC Neurochemical  
 Pathology Unit, Newcastle General  
 Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6BE,  
 United Kingdom.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE,  
 (1997 Aug 15) 17 (16) 6226-35.  
 Journal code: JDF. ISSN: 0270-6474.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199710  
 ENTRY WEEK: 19971005  
 AB Neurotransmitter release is regulated by  
 voltage-dependent \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*channels\*\*\* (VDCCs) at synapses throughout  
 the nervous system. At the  
 neuromuscular junction (NMJ) electrophysiological  
 and pharmacological  
 studies have identified a major role for P- and/or  
 Q-type VDCCs in  
 controlling acetylcholine release from the nerve  
 terminal. Additional  
 studies have suggested that N-type channels may be  
 involved in  
 neuromuscular transmission. VDCCs consist of  
 pore-forming \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
 and regulatory beta subunits. In this report, using  
 fluorescence  
 immunocytochemistry, we provide evidence that  
 immunoreactivity to alpha1A,  
 alpha1B, and alpha1E subunits is present at both rat  
 and human adult NMJs.

Using control and denervated rat preparations, we  
 have been able to  
 establish that the subunit thought to correspond to  
 P/Q-type channels,  
 alpha1A, is localized presynaptically in discrete  
 puncta that may  
 represent motor nerve terminals. We also  
 demonstrate for the first time  
 that alpha1A and alpha1B (which corresponds to  
 N-type channels) may be  
 localized in axon-associated Schwann cells and,  
 further, that the alpha1B  
 subunit may be present in perisynaptic Schwann  
 cells. In addition, the  
 alpha1E subunit (which may correspond to R/  
 \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
 channels) seems to be localized postsynaptically in  
 the muscle fiber  
 membrane and concentrated at the NMJ. The  
 possibility that all three VDCCs  
 at the NMJ are potential targets for circulating  
 autoantibodies in  
 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is discussed.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:79084 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: YR308  
 TITLE: Voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels in  
 arterial smooth muscle  
 cells  
 AUTHOR: Gollasch M (Reprint); Nelson M T  
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 BERLIN, FRANZ VOLHARD CLIN,  
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 RESEARCH, (DEC 1997) Vol. 20, No.  
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 Publisher: KARGER,  
 ALLSCHWILERSTRASSE 10, CH-4009 BASEL,  
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 LANGUAGE: English  
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 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
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 AB The past years have seen some significant  
 advances in our understanding  
 of the functional and molecular properties of  
 voltage-dependent Ca2+  
 channels in arterial smooth muscle. Molecular  
 cloning and expression  
 studies together with experiments on native  
 voltage-dependent Ca2+  
 channels revealed that these channels are built upon  
 a molecular structure  
 with properties appropriate to function as the main  
 source for Ca2+ entry  
 into arterial smooth muscle cells. This Ca2+ entry  
 regulates intracellular  
 free Ca2+, and thereby arterial tone. We summarize  
 several avenues of  
 recent research that should provide significant  
 insights into the  
 functioning of voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels  
 under conditions that occur  
 in arterial smooth muscle. These experiments have  
 identified important  
 features of voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels,  
 including the steep  
 steady-state voltage-dependence of the channel open  
 probability at steady  
 physiological membrane potentials between -60 and  
 -30 mV, and a relatively  
 high permeation rate at physiological Ca2+  
 concentrations, being about one  
 million Ca2+ ions/s at -50 mV. This calcium  
 permeation rate seems to be a  
 feature of the pore-forming Ca2+ channel  
 \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*type\*\*\* )  
 subunit, since it was identical for native channels and  
 the expressed

\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* ( \*\*\*|\*\*\* ) subunit alone. The channel activity is regulated by dihydropyridines, vasoactive hormones and intracellular signaling pathways. While the membrane potential of smooth muscle cells primarily regulates arterial muscle tone through alterations in Ca<sup>2+</sup> influx through dihydropyridine-sensitive voltage-dependent ('L-type') Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels, the role of these channels in the differentiation and proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells is less clear. We discuss recent findings suggesting that other Ca<sup>2+</sup> permeable ion channels might be important for the control of Ca<sup>2+</sup> influx in dedifferentiated vascular smooth muscle cells.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 97:586711 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: XN392  
TITLE: Toxin-resistant calcium currents, in embryonic mouse sensory neurons  
AUTHOR: Hilaire C; Diocot S; Desmadryl G (Reprint); Richard S; Valmier J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: INST BIOL, CNRS, UPR 9008, LAB MED EXPTL, INSERM, U249, BLVD HENRI IV, F-34060 MONTPELLIER, FRANCE (Reprint); INST BIOL, CNRS, UPR 9008, LAB MED EXPTL, INSERM, U249, F-34060 MONTPELLIER, FRANCE; UNIV MONTPELLIER 2, INSERM, U432, F-34095 MONTPELLIER 5, FRANCE; CNRS, CRBM, UPR 9008, INSERM, U249, F-34033 MONTPELLIER, FRANCE  
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SOURCE: NEUROSCIENCE, (SEP 1997) Vol. 80, No. 1, pp. 267-276.  
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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB We characterized toxin-insensitive calcium currents expressed by acutely dissociated embryonic dorsal root ganglion neurons. In the presence of 3 mu M omega-conotoxin-GVIA, 3 mu M nifedipine and either 500 nM omega-agatoxin-IVA or 500 nM omega-conotoxin-MVIIIC to inhibit N-, L- and P/Q-type currents, respectively, all neurons expressed two residual currents: a \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* and another which we referred to as toxin-resistant current. The toxin-resistant current (i) consisted of an inactivating and a sustained components, (ii) had a threshold of activation and a steady-state inactivation comprised between that of the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current and that of the other high-voltage-activated currents, (iii) had the same permeability for barium and calcium used as charge carriers, (iv) was highly sensitive to both cadmium and nickel; and (v) was insensitive to 500 mu M amiloride which abolished the \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* at this concentration. The properties of the toxin-resistant current are very similar to those of the currents expressed in oocytes following injection of alpha(1E) subunits which we demonstrated to be present in these

neurons.

Therefore a component of the toxin-resistant current \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* in sensory neurons may be closely related to those \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* formed by alpha(1E) subunits. (C) 1997 IBRO. Published by Elsevier Science Ltd.

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TITLE: \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels expressed during mouse spermatogenesis may mediate sperm acrosome reaction  
AUTHOR(S): Darszon, A.; Santi, C. M.; Serrano, C. J.; Trevino, C. L.; Hernandez-Cruz, A.; Lievano, A.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Genetica Fisiol. Mol., inst. Biotecnologia, Univ. Nacional Autonoma Mexico (UNAM), Cuernavaca, Mex.  
SOURCE: Curr. Adv. Androl., Proc. Int. Congr. Androl., 6th (1997), 165-170. Editor(s): Waites, Geoffrey M. H.; Frick, Julian; Baker, Gordon W. H.  
Monduzzi Editore: Bologna, Italy.  
CODEN: 66MSAS  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Ion channel are key elements in the mammalian sperm acrosome reaction (AR). Sperm are differentiated terminal cells unable to synthesize protein, and difficult to study electrophysiol. Using mol. biol. to learn about their ion channels requires spermatogenic cells were channel proteins are being synthesized. These cells are larger than sperm and easier to patch clamp. We have looked for the expression of the . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* genes, which code for the channel subunit of the various types of voltage-activated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels, in purified spermatogenic cells with RT-PCR. We found that mainly .alpha.1E mRNA is expressed, and increases during spermiogenesis. Interestingly, we only detected \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> currents in pachytene spermatocytes. Since these currents are blocked by Ni<sup>2+</sup> and dihydropyridines, as is the ZP3 induced AR, it is likely that \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels play a key role in the Ca<sup>2+</sup> uptake required for mammalian sperm AR.

L6 ANSWER 84 OF 104 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97059901 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97059901  
TITLE: Structure, function and expression of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels.  
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, Kagoshima University, Japan.  
SOURCE: NIPPON RINSHO. JAPANESE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, (1996 Mar) 54 (3) 672-8. Ref: 17  
Journal code: KIM. ISSN: 0047-1852.  
PUB. COUNTRY: Japan  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL)  
LANGUAGE: Japanese  
ENTRY MONTH: 199705  
ENTRY WEEK: 19970502  
AB Structure, function and expression of voltage-dependent Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels are reviewed. Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels have been classified into one low-voltage

activated subtype ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and at least 5 high-voltage activated subtypes (L, N, P, Q and R types), which are characterized by the sensitivity to specific blockers. Although L-type channel in skeletal muscle is shown to consist of \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* , alpha2/delta, beta, gamma subunits, it is not clear whether other subtypes have similar subunit structures. Cloning and functional expression of cDNA encoding \*\*\*alpha1\*\*\* subunits revealed existence of multiple genes and splicing variants. Thus, the diversity in the electrophysiological properties of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels in different tissues and developmental stages comes from, at least in part, the different molecular structure of the channels. Regulation of the expression of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels may be important for the elaborate control of cellular functions.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:940123 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 124:3114  
TITLE: Molecular biology of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
AUTHOR(S): Perez-Reyes, Edward; Schneider, Toni  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Medical Center, Loyola University, Maywood, IL, USA  
SOURCE: Kidney Int. (1995), 48(4), 1111-24  
CODEN: KDYIAS; ISSN: 0085-2538  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB A review, with 156 refs. The mol. biol. of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels has its origins in the biochem. characterization of the skeletal muscle dihydropyridine receptor. These studies established that the dihydropyridine receptor/channel complex was a multi-subunit complex composed of . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*|\*\*\* (the ion-conducting subunit), and smaller accessory subunits (.alpha.2 .beta., and .gamma.). These subunits were purified, sequenced, cloned, and expressed. Cloning of these cDNAs provided the probes to discover the mol. diversity of Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels. To date (Apr. 1995), genes for six .alpha.1s, four .beta.s, one .alpha.2, and one .gamma. have been cloned. Preliminary classification schemes divided native \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* into low voltage-activated ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) and high voltage-activated types: L-type, dihydropyridine-sensitive; and N-type, omega-conotoxin GVIA-sensitive. The development of new toxins has led to the further subclassification of high voltage-activated channels to: P-type, which is blocked by .omega-agatoxin-IVA from the funnel-web spider Agelenopsis aperta; Q-type, which is blocked by omega-conotoxin-MVIIIC from the marine snail Conus magus; and R-type, which is resistant to most toxins. Expression studies with cloned .alpha.1s have proven that this subunit det. the voltage and pharmacol. sensitivity of the channel. This should allow the authors' to classify the cloned .alpha.1s in terms of their type. Unfortunately these properties are affected by the choice of expression system, and the subunit compn. of the channel. Despite these complications, the six .alpha.1s have been classified as follows: three .alpha.1s (.alpha.1s, .alpha.1c, and .alpha.1D) belong

to the L-type (dihydropyridine-sensitive);  $\alpha$ .1B is an N-type;  $\alpha$ .1A is a P-type although it has also been classified as Q-type; and  $\alpha$ .1E, which does not display any distinctive pharmacol., has been called an R-type (resistant). The authors will review the cloning, classification, tissue distribution, and functional expression of these  $\alpha$  subunits and the accessory subunits.

L6 ANSWER 86 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 31  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96018848 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96018848  
 TITLE: Voltage-dependent blockade of diverse types of

voltage-gated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes by the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel antagonist mibefradil (Ro 40-5967).

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 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Stanford University Medical Center, California 94305, USA.

CONTRACT NUMBER: NS24067 (NINDS)  
 HL07740-02 (NHLBI)

SOURCE: MOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY, (1995 Sep) 48 (3) 540-9.

Journal code: NGR. ISSN: 0026-895X.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 199601  
 AB Four different types of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel

$\alpha$  subunits, representing the major classes of voltage-gated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels, were

individually coexpressed along with  $\alpha$ 2/delta and  $\beta$ 2b subunits in

*Xenopus* oocytes. These subunits (and the encoded channel types and major tissues of origin) included  $\alpha$ 1C (L-type, cardiac),  $\alpha$ 1B (N-type, central nervous system),  $\alpha$ 1A (P/Q-type, central nervous system), and

$\alpha$ 1E (most likely R-type, central nervous system). Divalent cation currents through these channels (5 mM  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ ) were evaluated with the

two-microelectrode voltage-clamp technique. The expressed channels were

compared with regard to their responses to a structurally novel,

nondihydropyridine compound, mibefradil (Ro 40-5967). In the micromolar

concentration range, this drug exerted clear inhibitory effects on each of

the four channel types, reducing divalent cation current at all test

potentials, with the non-L-type channels being more sensitive to

inhibition than the L-type channels under fixed experimental conditions.

For all channel types, mibefradil was a much more effective inhibitor at

more depolarized holding potentials, suggesting tighter binding of the

drug to the inactivated state than to the resting state. The difference in

apparent affinities of resting and inactivated states of the channels,

calculated based on a modulated receptor hypothesis, was 30-70-fold. In

addition, the time course of decay of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel current was accelerated

in the presence of drug, consistent with open channel block. The effect of

increasing stimulation frequency was tested for L-type channels and was

found to greatly enhance the degree of inhibition by mibefradil,

consistent with promotion of block by channel opening and inactivation.

Allowing for state-dependent interactions, the drug concentrations found to block L-, N-, Q-, and R-type channels by 50% are at least 10-fold higher than half-blocking levels previously reported for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels.

$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels in vascular smooth muscle cells under similar experimental conditions. This may help explain the ability of the drug to spare working myocardium (strongly negative resting potential, dominance

of L-type channels in their resting state) while reducing contraction in

blood vessels (presumably involving  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels or partially inactivated L-type channels). Thus,

mibefradil is a new addition to the family of nonselective organic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel inhibitors, as

exemplified by bepridil and fluspirilene, and may prove useful as an

experimental tool for studying diverse physiological events initiated by

$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  influx. It complements classes of drugs with relatively selective

effects on L-type channels, as exemplified by nifedipine and diltiazem.

L6 ANSWER 87 OF 104 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 32

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95378936 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95378936

TITLE: Skeletal muscle DHP receptor mutations alter calcium

currents in human hypokalaemic periodic paralysis myotubes

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AUTHOR: Sipos I; Jurkat-Rott K; Harasztosi C; Fontaine B; Kovacs L;

Melzer W; Lehmann-Horn F

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Applied Physiology, University of Ulm,

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SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY, (1995 Mar 1) 483 (Pt 2) 299-306.

Journal code: JQV. ISSN: 0022-3751.

PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 199512

AB 1. Mutations in the gene encoding the

$\alpha$  subunit of the skeletal muscle dihydropyridine (DHP)

receptor are responsible for familial hypokalaemic periodic paralysis (HypoPP), an autosomal dominant

muscle disease. We investigated myotubes cultured from muscle of patients

with arginine-to-histidine substitutions in putative voltage sensors, IIS4

(R528H) and IVS4 (R1239H), of the DHP receptor  $\alpha$  subunit.

2. Analysis of the messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) in the

myotubes from such patients indicated transcription from both the normal

and mutant genes. 3. In control myotubes, the existence of the slow L-type

current and of two rapidly activating and inactivating calcium current

components ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  -  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  with a maximum at about -20 mV and

'third type' with a maximum at +10 to +20 mV) was confirmed. In the

myotubes from patients with either mutation, the third-type current

component was seen more frequently and, on average, with larger amplitude.

4. In myotubes with the IVS4 mutation (R1239H) the maximum L-type current

density was smaller than control (-0.53 +/- 0.31 vs. -1.41 +/- 0.71 pA

pF-1). The voltage dependence of activation was normal, and

hyperpolarizing prepulses to -120 mV for 20 s did

not increase the reduced current amplitude during test pulses. 5. In myotubes with the IIS4

mutation (R528H) the L-type current-voltage relation, determined at a

holding potential of -90 mV, was normal. However, the voltage dependence

of inactivation was shifted by about 40 mV to more negative potentials

(voltage at half-maximum inactivation,  $V_{1/2}$  = -41.5 +/- 8.2 vs. -4.9 +/-

4.3 mV in normal controls). (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

L6 ANSWER 88 OF 104 MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 33

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95139756 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95139756

TITLE: Tetrandrine: a new ligand to block voltage-dependent  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -activated  $\text{K}^{+}$  channels.

AUTHOR: Wang G; Lemos J R

CORPORATE SOURCE: Neurobiology Group, Worcester Foundation for Experimental

Biology, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

CONTRACT NUMBER: NS29470 (NINDS)

SOURCE: LIFE SCIENCES, (1995) 56 (5) 295-306. Ref: 83

Journal code: L62. ISSN: 0024-3205.

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LANGUAGE: English

FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

ENTRY MONTH: 199505

AB Extensive pharmacological investigations on tetrandrine, one of the

traditional medicinal alkaloids, are reviewed. Tetrandrine has been used

clinically in China for centuries in the treatment of many diseases. A

recent series of studies has revealed major mechanisms underlying its

multiple pharmacological and therapeutic actions. One of the most

interesting discoveries is that tetrandrine is a new kind blocker of the

voltage-activated, L-type  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel in a variety of excitable cells,

such as cardiac, GH3 anterior pituitary and

neuroblastoma cells, as well as in rat neurohypophyseal nerve terminals. Although

tetrandrine does not belong to any of the three classical  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel

blocker groups, electrophysiological and radioligand binding studies

show that tetrandrine is an L-type  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel blocker with its binding

site located at the benzothiazepine receptor on the  $\alpha$  subunit

of the channel. In addition, tetrandrine is a blocker of the voltage-dependent

$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  -  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channel. It is clear that tetrandrine's

actions in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, including

hypertension and supraventricular arrhythmia, are due primarily to its

blocking of voltage-activated L-type and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  -  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels. Furthermore, this alkaloid is a potent

blocker of the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -activated  $\text{K}^{+}$  ( $\text{K}(\text{Ca})$ ) channels of neurohypophyseal nerve terminals.

The blocking kinetics of tetrandrine on the  $\text{K}(\text{Ca})$  channel is quite

different from that of typical  $\text{K}(\text{Ca})$  channel blockers such as

tetraethylammonium and  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ . Although the clinical role of tetrandrine as

a blocker of the  $\text{K}(\text{Ca})$  channels is unclear, it is a promising ligand for

the study of  $\text{K}(\text{Ca})$  channel function.

L6 ANSWER 89 OF 104 MEDLINE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95406758 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95406758  
 TITLE: Altered calcium currents in human hypokalemic periodic paralysis myotubes expressing mutant L-type **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***.  
 AUTHOR: Lehmann-Horn F; Sipos I; Jurkat-Rott K; Heine R; Brinkmeier H; Fontaine B; Kovacs L; Melzer W  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Applied Physiology, University of Ulm, Germany.  
 SOURCE: SOCIETY OF GENERAL PHYSIOLOGISTS SERIES, (1995) 50 101-13.  
 Journal code: UU2. ISSN: 0094-7733.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199512  
 AB In a genome-wide search, linkage of hypokalemic periodic paralysis (HypoPP), a muscle disease with autosomal dominant inheritance, to chromosome 1q31-32 and cosegregation with the gene encoding the L-type **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** /DHP receptor **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** subunit has been reported (Fontaine et al., 1994). Here we show the extended haplotypes of a large HypoPP family who made the detection of the gene product possible. Sequencing of cDNA synthesized from RNA isolated from muscle specimens of two affected family members revealed a G-to-A transition of nucleotide 3716. This base exchange predicts a substitution of histidine for arginine 1239 located in segment IVS4 of the channel protein. By restriction fragment analysis, the mutation was detected in the genomic DNA of all affected family members. Myotubes cultured from the muscle specimens also revealed the mutation suggesting the expression of mutant L-type **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** /DHP receptors. Whole-cell recordings of 20 such myotubes showed a strong reduction of the DHP sensitive, slowly activating and inactivating L-type current density to 30% of the current in normal controls. A rapidly activating and inactivating current component (third-type), which is distinct from the also occurring **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** current, was increased. We conclude that HypoPP is a disease of the skeletal muscle DHP receptor. The point mutation in repeat IV of the protein may have a similar effect as drugs which downregulate the channel activity by binding to this domain.

L6 ANSWER 90 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 34  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95088934 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95088934  
 TITLE: The Ca(++)-channel blocker Ro 40-5967 blocks differently **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** and L-type Ca++ channels.  
 AUTHOR: Mehrke G; Zong X G; Flockerzi V; Hofmann F  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut für Pharmakologie und Toxikologie, Technischen Universität München, Germany.  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (1994 Dec) 271 (3) 1483-8.  
 Journal code: JP3. ISSN: 0022-3565.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199503  
 AB The effects of Ro 40-5967, a nondihydropyridine Ca++ channel blocker, on

low-voltage activated ( **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** ) and high-voltage activated (L-type) Ca++ channels were compared. L-type barium currents were measured in Chinese hamster ovary cells stably transfected with the **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** subunit of the class Cb Ca++ channel. **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** barium currents were investigated in human medullary thyroid carcinoma cells. The Ba++ currents of human medullary thyroid carcinoma cells were transient, activated at a threshold potential of -50 mV with the maximum at -14 +/- 3.2 mV and blocked by micromolar Ni++. The T- and L-type current inactivated with time constants of 33.4 +/- 4.1 and 416 +/- 26 msec at maximum barium currents, respectively. Ro 40-5967 inhibited reversibly the T- and L-type currents with IC50 values of 2.7 and 18.6 microM, respectively. The inhibition of the L-type current was voltage-dependent, whereas that of the **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** current was not. Ro 40-5967 blocked **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** current already at a holding potential of -100 mV. The different types of block, i.e., voltage-dependent vs. tonic block, may contribute to the pharmacological profile of Ro 40-5967 in intact animals.

L6 ANSWER 91 OF 104 MEDLINE  
 DUPLICATE 35  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95088917 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95088917  
 TITLE: Effects of a new class of calcium antagonists, SR33557 (fantofarone) and SR33805, on neuronal voltage-activated Ca++ channels.  
 AUTHOR: Romey G; Lazdunski M  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Pharmacologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire, Valbonne, France..  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS, (1994 Dec) 271 (3) 1348-52.  
 Journal code: JP3. ISSN: 0022-3565.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
 ENTRY MONTH: 199503  
 AB SR33557 (fantofarone) and SR33805 are structurally novel calcium antagonists that bind selectively to the **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** -subunit of the L-type Ca++ channel at a site distinct from the classical 1,4-dihydropyridine, phenylalkylamine and benzothiazepine sites but in allosteric interactions with them. Blocking effects of fantofarone and SR33805 on the different types of voltage-activated Ca++ currents have been investigated with the whole-cell patch-clamp method in chick dorsal root ganglion neurons (for T-, L- and N-type currents) and in rat cerebellar Purkinje neurons (for P-type current) in primary culture. Neuronal L-type Ca++ channels are blocked totally by fantofarone and SR33805 in the microM range of concentration as in skeletal muscle and cardiac cells at a holding membrane potential of -80 mV. The sequence of efficacy is SR33805 (IC50 = 26 nM) > fantofarone (IC50 = 0.35 microM). N- and P-type channels are not very sensitive to fantofarone and SR33805 (IC50 approximately 5 microM). The **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** channel is not affected by these drugs.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95:50757 SCISEARCH  
 THE GENUINE ARTICLE: PZ357  
 TITLE: MOLECULAR DIVERSITY OF **\*\*\*CALCIUM\*\*\*** **\*\*\*CHANNELS\*\*\*** - FROM GENE TO FUNCTION  
 AUTHOR: NARGEOT J (Reprint); CHARNET P  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: CTR RECH BIOCHIM MACROMOLEC, CNRS, UPR 9008, INSERM, U249, BP 5051, ROUTE MENDE, F-34033 MONTPELLIER, FRANCE  
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 COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: FRANCE  
 SOURCE: M S-MEDEICINE SCIENCES, (DEC 1994) Vol. 10, No. 12, pp. 1293-1308.  
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 LANGUAGE: French  
 REFERENCE COUNT: No References Keyed  
 \*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
 AB Recent studies have revealed the molecular and functional diversity of voltage-gated **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***. Electrophysiological and pharmacological experiments on various cell types have provided a way of characterizing a Low Voltage Activated (LVA) or **\*\*\*T\*\*\*** - **\*\*\*type\*\*\*** , and several High Voltage Activated (HVA) **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channels\*\*\***. LVA Ca2+ channels have fast kinetics and no specific ligands while HVA Ca2+ channels have been identified mainly by the use of specific toxins, and named L, N, P and Q. They are blocked by dihydropyridines, omega-CgT-GVIA, omega-Aga-IVA and omega-CmT-MV1IC, respectively. Biochemical studies have revealed that skeletal muscle Ca2+ channels are composed of a pore-forming **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** subunit and several associated subunits (alpha 2-delta, beta and gamma). Several **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** subunits have been cloned from various tissues and are encoded by at least six genes. Their expression in Xenopus oocytes or in mammalian cells induces **\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*** **\*\*\*channel\*\*\*** currents, the properties of which seem to correspond to the different Ca2+ channels identified in various cells. However, it has been suggested that further diversity may be provided by the addition of auxiliary subunits and particularly the beta subunits which are thought to be associated to most of the **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** subunits. beta subunits encoded by at least four genes (beta 1, beta 2, beta 3, beta 4) expressed in the nervous system and other tissues enhance Ca2+ channel activity and are able to modify both electrophysiological and pharmacological properties. However, a differential effect on calcium current inactivation has been observed between the different isoforms (beta 1, beta 2, beta 3) and their splice variants (beta 1a, beta 1b) indicating that multiple Ca2+ channel gating may arise from the expression of different subtypes of beta subunits. The implication of Ca2+ channels in pathophysiology has been recently suggested and the genes coding for **\*\*\*alpha\*\*\*** **\*\*\*1\*\*\*** or beta subunits are potential candidates in some pathologies. Several autoimmune diseases have also been suggested to involve Ca2+ channels as the targets for antibodies. Moreover, the functional diversity of neuronal Ca2+ channel offers new perspectives in the

development of drugs for the  
treatment of neurologic disorders.

L6 ANSWER 93 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 37  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95055196 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95055196  
TITLE: The L-type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* current is  
increased by \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*|\*\*\*  
adrenoceptor  
activation in neonatal rat ventricular cells.  
AUTHOR: Liu Q Y; Karpinski E; Pang P K  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology,  
University of Alberta, Edmonton,  
Canada..  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY  
AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS,  
(1994 Nov) 271 (2) 935-43.  
Journal code: JP3. ISSN: 0022-3565.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199502  
AB The activation of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*|\*\*\*  
adrenoceptors in adult rat  
ventricular cells results in the reduction of the  
transient outward K+  
current, but does not affect Ca++ currents. In this  
study, using neonatal  
rat ventricular cells, the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*|\*\*\*  
adrenergic receptor  
agonist phenylephrine increased the long-lasting  
(L-type) Ca++ channel  
current (dihydropyridine-sensitive) and the increase  
was  
concentration-dependent. Phenylephrine did not,  
however, modulate the  
transient-type ( \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* ) Ca++  
channel current. The  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*|\*\*\* effect of phenylephrine  
was reversed or  
abolished by prazosin, an \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* - \*\*\*|\*\*\*  
antagonist. The  
alpha-2 agonist clonidine had no effect on the L-type  
current. Yohimbine,  
an alpha-2 antagonist, and propranolol, a beta  
antagonist, did not inhibit  
the effect of phenylephrine on L-type current. The  
effect of phenylephrine  
was abolished by pretreatment with WB4101, an  
alpha-1A antagonist, but not  
by chloroethylclonidine, an alpha-1B antagonist. In  
addition,  
norepinephrine also increased the L-type current in  
the presence of  
propranolol and this effect was reversed by washout.  
These observations  
suggest that phenylephrine increased the L-type  
Ca++ channel current  
specifically through the activation of alpha-1A  
adrenergic receptors in  
neonatal rat ventricular myocytes. This may explain  
in part the increase  
in the plateau phase of the action potential and the  
positive inotropic  
response of the neonatal myocardium to  
phenylephrine. This is the first  
description of an increase in L-type Ca++ current by  
alpha-1A adrenoceptor  
activation in neonatal rat ventricular myocytes, and  
this effect is  
different from that reported in adult rat myocytes.

L6 ANSWER 94 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 38  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94354258 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94354258  
TITLE: \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
in excitable cells:  
divergent genotypic and phenotypic  
expression of  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* -subunits.  
AUTHOR: Lievano A; Bolden A; Horn R  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Roche Institute of  
Molecular Biology, Nutley, New Jersey  
07110.  
SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF

PHYSIOLOGY, (1994 Aug) 267 (2 Pt 1)  
C411-24.  
Journal code: 3U8. ISSN: 0002-9513.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199412  
AB The Ba2+ currents and mRNA levels of four  
members of the rat brain family  
of \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* -subunit Ca2+  
channel genes were examined  
and compared in the rat cell lines GH3 and PC-12  
and in the mouse lines  
NIE-115 and AtT-20. The RNA was measured with  
ribonuclease protection  
assays using probes derived from rat brain (rb) Ca2+  
channel cDNAs (rbA,  
rbB, rbC, and rbD), and the Ba2+ currents were  
studied by whole cell  
patch-clamp recording. L-, N-, P-, and \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* currents  
were discriminated by the voltage dependence and  
pharmacological  
properties of Ba2+ currents. All cell lines expressed  
all four rat brain  
Ca2+ channel genes, except GH3 cells, which lacked  
rbB. The functional  
diversity of Ba2+ currents, however, was quite  
different among the cell  
lines. GH3 cells showed evidence of L- and  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
currents, undifferentiated PC-12 cells of L-type  
currents, AtT-20 cells of  
L-, N-, and P-type currents, and undifferentiated  
NIE-115 cells of a  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* current that was partially  
blocked by both  
nifedipine and BAY K 8644. Dimethyl  
sulfoxide-differentiated NIE-115 cells  
also had an L-type current. Differentiation of  
NIE-115 cells caused an  
increase in the levels of rbB, rbC, and rbD RNAs.  
Differentiation by nerve  
growth factor caused an increase in levels of all four  
genes in PC-12. Our  
data give further support for the assignment of rbA,  
rbB, and rbC/rbD gene  
products as components of P-, N-, and L-type Ca2+  
channels, respectively.

L6 ANSWER 95 OF 104 SCISEARCH  
COPYRIGHT 2001 ISI (R)DUPLICATE 39  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95-48824 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: QA015  
TITLE: TETRANDRINE - A NEW LIGAND  
TO BLOCK VOLTAGE-DEPENDENT CA2+  
AND CA2+-ACTIVATED K+  
CHANNELS  
AUTHOR: WANG G (Reprint); LEMOS J R  
CORPORATE SOURCE: WORCESTER FDN  
EXPTL BIOL INC, NEUROBIOL GRP, 222 MAPLE  
AVE, SHREWSBURY, MA, 01545  
(Reprint)  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA  
SOURCE: LIFE SCIENCES, (23 DEC 1994)  
Vol. 56, No. 5, pp. 295-306.  
ISSN: 0024-3205.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: General Review, Journal  
FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH  
REFERENCE COUNT: 81  
\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*  
AB Extensive pharmacological investigations on  
tetrandrine, one of the  
traditional medicinal, alkaloids, are reviewed.  
Tetrandrine has been used  
clinically in China for centuries in the treatment of  
many diseases. A  
recent series of studies has revealed major  
mechanisms underlying its  
multiple pharmacological and therapeutic actions.  
One of the most  
interesting discoveries is that tetrandrine is a new  
kind blocker of the  
voltage-activated, L-type Ca2+ channel in a variety  
of excitable cells,  
such as cardiac, GH(3) anterior pituitary and

neuroblastoma cells, as well  
as in rat neurohypophyseal nerve terminals. Although  
tetrandrine does not  
belong to any of the three classical Ca2+ channel  
blocker groups,  
electrophysiological and radioligand binding studies  
show that tetrandrine  
is an L-type Ca2+ channel blocker with its binding  
site located at the  
benzothiazepine receptor on the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* (\*\*\*|\*\*\* -)subunit of  
the channel. In addition, tetrandrine is a blocker of the  
voltage-dependent \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+  
channel. It is clear  
that tetrandrine's actions in the treatment, of  
cardiovascular diseases,  
including hypertension and supraventricular  
arrhythmia, are due primarily  
to its blocking of voltage-activated L-type and  
\*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\*  
Ca2+ channels. Furthermore, this alkaloid is a potent  
blocker of the  
Ca2+-activated K+ (K-(Ca)) channels of  
neurohypophyseal nerve terminals.  
The blocking kinetics of tetrandrine on the K-(Ca)  
channel is quite  
different from that of typical K-(Ca) channel  
blockers such as  
tetraethylammonium and Ba2+. Although the clinical  
role of tetrandrine as  
a blocker of the K-(Ca) channels is unclear, it is a  
promising ligand for  
the study of K-(Ca) channel function.

L6 ANSWER 96 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 40  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95121362 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95121362  
TITLE: Effects of two chemically related new  
Ca2+ channel  
antagonists, SR33557 (fantofarone) and  
SR33805, on the  
L-type cardiac channel.  
AUTHOR: Romey G; Bois P; Lazdunski M  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut de Pharmacologie  
Moleculaire et Cellulaire, Sophia  
Antipolis, Valbonne, France..  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF  
PHARMACOLOGY, (1994 Sep 22) 263 (1-2)  
101-5.  
Journal code: EN6. ISSN: 0014-2999.  
PUB. COUNTRY: Netherlands  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199504  
AB Fantofarone (SR33557) is a substituted indolizine  
and SR33805 is a  
substituted indole. These drugs have been shown to  
specifically bind to  
the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*|\*\*\* subunit of the  
L-type Ca2+ channel at the  
same site, distinct from those of the classical  
1,4-dihydropyridine,  
phenylalkylamine or benzothiazepine Ca2+  
antagonists, but in negative  
allosteric interaction with them. The present work  
shows that fantofarone  
and SR33805 block L-type but not \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca2+ channels  
in mouse cardiac cells in primary culture. This block  
is  
voltage-dependent. Fantofarone and SR33805 are  
potent Ca2+ channel  
blockers in depolarized conditions (i.e. at a holding  
potential of -40 mV)  
with an EC50 = 1.4 and 4.1 nM, respectively. In  
polarized conditions (i.e.  
at a holding potential of -80 mV), SR33805 is a  
better Ca2+ channel  
blocker (EC50 = 33 nM) than fantofarone (EC50 =  
0.15 microM). Therefore  
differences in their chemical structures make the  
blocking action of  
fantofarone more sensitive to voltage than that of  
SR33805.

L6 ANSWER 97 OF 104 MEDLINE



ACCESSION NUMBER: 93308850 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 93308850  
TITLE: Molecular structure and functional sites  
of the cardiac

\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
AUTHOR: Nakayama H  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Faculty of Pharmaceutical  
Sciences, Hokkaido University..  
SOURCE: NIPPON RINSHO. JAPANESE  
JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, (1993  
Jun) 51 (6) 1471-6. Ref: 16  
Journal code: KIM. ISSN: 0047-1852.  
PUB. COUNTRY: Japan  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
General Review; (REVIEW)  
(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)

LANGUAGE: Japanese  
ENTRY MONTH: 199310  
AB Voltage gated L-type and \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* are electrophysiologically  
characterized in the cardiac  
tissues. L-Type \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\*  
are abundant in  
skeletal muscle and results from molecular studies  
have stimulated  
researches on the cardiac counterpart. This paper  
briefly reviews the  
recent progress in molecular constituents and  
functional sites of the  
cardiac \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*. The  
channel is composed of  
five subunits, \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*[\*\*\*, alpha 2,  
beta, gamma, and  
delta, at least, but heterogeneous existence of  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*[\*\*\*  
, beta, and gamma is also observed. The  
1,4-dihydropyridine binding site  
has been identified in the skeletal muscle and cardiac  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* by photoaffinity labeling. Their  
sites are compared in  
the primary structures. PKA modulation of the  
cardiac channel is also  
discussed with the respect to phosphorylation site.

L6 ANSWER 98 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 41  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94150810 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94150810  
TITLE: Distinctive pharmacology and kinetics  
of cloned neuronal  
Ca2+ channels and their possible  
counterparts in mammalian  
CNS neurons.

AUTHOR: Zhang J F; Randall A D; Ellinor P  
T; Horne W A; Sather W A;  
Tanabe T; Schwarz T L; Tsien R W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular  
and Cellular Physiology, Stanford  
University Medical Center, CA 94305.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: GM42376 (NIGMS)  
NS24067 (NINDS)  
SOURCE: NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, (1993  
Nov) 32 (11) 1075-88. Ref: 40  
Journal code: NZB. ISSN: 0028-3908.  
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
General Review; (REVIEW)  
(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)

LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199405  
AB This paper provides a brief overview of the  
diversity of voltage-gated  
Ca2+ channels and our recent work on neuronal  
Ca2+ channels with novel  
pharmacological and biophysical properties that  
distinguish them from L,  
N, P or \*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\* channels. The  
Ca2+ channel  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*[\*\*\* subunit known as alpha  
1A or B1 [Mori Y.,  
Friedrich T., Kim M.-S., Mikami A., Nakai J., Ruth  
P., Bosse E., Hofmann  
F., Flocke V., Furuichi T., Mikoshiba K., Imoto  
K., Tanabe T. and Numa  
S. (1991) Nature 350, 398-402] is generally assumed  
to encode the P-type

Ca2+ channel. However, we find that alpha 1A  
expressed in *Xenopus* oocytes  
differs from P-type channels in its kinetics of  
inactivation and its  
degree of sensitivity to block by the peptide toxins  
omega-Aga-IVA and  
omega-CTX-MVIIIC [Sather W. A., Tanabe T.,  
Zhang J.-F., Mori Y., Adams M.  
E. and Tsien R. W. (1993) Neuron 11, 291-303].  
Thus, alpha 1A is capable  
of generating a Ca2+ channel with characteristics  
quite distinct from  
P-type channels. Doe-1, recently cloned from the  
forebrain of a marine  
ray, is another \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*[\*\*\* subunit  
which exemplifies a  
different branch of the Ca2+ channel family tree  
[Horne W. A., Ellinor P.  
T., Inman I., Zhou M., Tsien R. W. and Schwarz T.  
L. (1993) Proc. Natn.  
Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 90, 3787-3791]. When expressed  
in *Xenopus* oocytes, doe-1  
forms a high voltage-activated (HVA) Ca2+ channel  
[Ellinor P. T., Zhang  
J.-F., Randall A. D., Zhou M., Schwarz T. L., Tsien  
R. W. and Horne W.  
(1993) Nature 363, 455-458]. It inactivates more  
rapidly than any  
previously expressed \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channel\*\*\* and is not  
blocked by dihydropyridine antagonists or  
omega-Aga-IVA. Doe-1 current is  
reduced by omega-CTX-GVIA, but the inhibition is  
readily reversible and  
requires micromolar toxin, in contrast to this toxin's  
potent and  
irreversible block of N-type channels. Doe-1 shows  
considerable  
sensitivity to block by Ni2+ or Cd2+. We have  
identified components of  
Ca2+ channel current in rat cerebellar granule  
neurons with kinetic and  
pharmacological features similar to alpha 1A and  
doe-1 in oocytes [Randall  
A. D., Wendland B., Schweizer F., Miljanich G.,  
Adams M. E. and Tsien R.  
W. (1993) Soc. Neurosci. Abstr. 19, 1478]. The  
doe-1-like component  
(R-type current) inactivates much more quickly than  
L, N or P-type  
channels, and also differs significantly in its  
pharmacology. (ABSTRACT  
TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)

L6 ANSWER 99 OF 104 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994:431912 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 121:31912  
TITLE: Retinol stimulates amino acid  
transport in Sertoli  
cell by a Ca2+ related mechanism  
AUTHOR(S): Wassermann, G. F.; Silva, F. R.  
M. B.; Grillo, M. L.;  
Loss, E. S.; Leite, L.; von Ledebur, E. I.  
C. F.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. de Biocienc., Univ.  
Fed. do Rio Grande do Sul,  
Porto Alegre, Brazil  
SOURCE: Med. Sci. Res. (1993), 21(11),  
437-8  
CODEN: MSCREJ; ISSN: 0269-8951  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Retinol stimulated the transport of . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
-[\*\*\*]  
-[14C]-methylaminoisobutyric acid by Sertoli cells in  
culture or in Sertoli  
cell-enriched testis of immature rat. This effect was  
mediated by  
voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels, probably of the  
\*\*\*T\*\*\*. \*\*\*type\*\*\*

L6 ANSWER 100 OF 104 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94033707 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94033707  
TITLE: Crooked neck dwarf (cn) mutant  
chicken skeletal muscle  
cells in low density primary cultures fail to

express  
normal alpha ryanodine receptor and  
exhibit a partial  
mutant phenotype.  
AUTHOR: Airey J A; Deerinck T J; Ellisman  
M H; Houenou L J;  
Ivanenko A; Kenyon J L; McKerny D D;  
Sutko J L  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of  
Pharmacology, University of Nevada School of  
Medicine, Reno 89557.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: RR04050 (NCRR)  
SOURCE: DEVELOPMENTAL DYNAMICS,  
(1993 Jul) 197 (3) 189-202.  
Journal code: A9U. ISSN: 1058-8388.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 199402  
AB The Crooked Neck Dwarf (cn) mutation in  
chickens causes marked changes in  
inact embryonic skeletal muscle. We have  
investigated whether the cn/cn  
phenotype develops in vitro, and if cultured muscle  
cells are suitable for  
studies of this mutation. The properties of cn/cn  
muscle cells maintained  
in low density primary cultures (6.25 x 10(3)  
cells/cm2) are described in  
this report. In normal muscle cells, the alpha  
ryanodine receptor (RyR)  
isoform appears prior to, and at greater levels than,  
the beta RyR, and is  
detected in mononucleated myocytes. The beta RyR  
isoform appears within 24  
hr after the initiation of myotube formation, which is  
earlier than  
anticipated from studies with intact embryonic  
muscle. Normal alpha RyR  
protein is not detected in cultured cn/cn muscle cells,  
whereas the beta  
RyR, the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*[\*\*\* -subunit of the  
dihydropyridine  
receptor, the sarcoplasmic reticulum  
Ca(2+)-ATPase, and calsequestrin are  
expressed at comparable levels in normal and mutant  
muscle cells. Calcium  
transients elicited by electrical stimulation,  
acetylcholine, and caffeine  
are similar in normal and cn/cn cultured myotubes  
and are blocked by  
ryanodine in both cell types. In addition, comparable  
L- and \*\*\*T\*\*\*.  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* calcium currents are observed in  
normal and mutant muscle  
cells, suggesting that both the \*\*\*alpha\*\*\*  
\*\*\*[\*\*\* -subunit of the  
dihydropyridine receptor and the beta RyR in mutant  
muscle cells are  
functional. Normal and cn/cn muscle cells proliferate  
and form myotubes in  
a similar manner. These latter events do not appear  
to depend on  
sarcoplasmic reticulum calcium release, as they also  
occur in normal  
muscle cells in which calcium release is prevented  
by chronic treatment  
with 100 microM ryanodine. Both cn/cn and  
ryanodine-treated normal muscle  
cells exhibit morphological changes similar to those  
observed in intact  
cn/cn skeletal muscle. Thus, the mutant phenotype  
observed in ovo is  
partially expressed under low density culture  
conditions, and neither beta  
RyR protein nor its function appear to be capable of  
preventing the  
associated changes.

L6 ANSWER 101 OF 104 SCISEARCH  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 92:559744 SCISEARCH  
THE GENUINE ARTICLE: JN810  
TITLE: PROPERTIES OF THE LOW  
THRESHOLD CA CURRENT IN SINGLE FROG  
ATRIAL CARDIOMYOCYTES - A  
COMPARISON WITH THE HIGH  
THRESHOLD CA CURRENT

AUTHOR: AL VAREZ J L; VASSORT G  
(Reprint)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: UNIV PARIS 11, UNITE  
RECH PHYSIOL CELLULAIRE CARDIAQ,  
INSERM, U241, BAT 443, F-91405  
ORSAY, FRANCE; INST CARDIOL  
& CIRUG CARDIOVASC,  
ELECTROFISIO LAB, HAVANA 10600, CUBA  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: FRANCE; CUBA  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF GENERAL  
PHYSIOLOGY, (SEP 1992) Vol. 100, No. 3,  
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FILE SEGMENT: LIFE  
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH  
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\*ABSTRACT IS AVAILABLE IN THE  
ALL AND IALL FORMATS\*

AB The properties of the low threshold Ca current  
(I(CaT)) in bullfrog  
(Rana catesbeiana) isolated atrial cardiomyocytes  
were studied using the  
whole-cell recording patch-clamp technique and  
compared with those of the  
high threshold Ca current (I(CaL)). In 91% of atrial  
cells we observed  
both I(CaT) and I(CaL) when collagenase and  
trypsin were used to  
dissociate the cells. But when pronase was used,  
only 30% of the cells  
exhibited I(CaT). I(CaT) was never found in  
ventricular cells. I(CaT)  
could be investigated more easily when I(CaL) was  
inhibited by Cd ions  
(50-mu-M). Its kinetics were unchanged by  
substituting Ba for Ca, or in  
the presence of high concentrations of Ba. Both  
I(CaT) and I(CaL)  
exhibited reduced inactivation after high  
depolarizing prepulses. I(CaT)  
was found to be sensitive to dihydropyridines:  
1-mu-M nifedipine decreased  
this current while 1-mu-M BAY K 8644 increased it;  
this occurred without  
significant variations in the steady-state inactivation  
curve. I(CaT) was  
more sensitive than I(CaL) to \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*j\*\*\* -adrenergic and  
P2-purinergetic stimulations, while I(CaL) Was more  
sensitive to  
beta-adrenergic stimulation. Isoproterenol was still  
able to increase  
I(CaT) in the presence of high intracellular cAMP.  
Both currents were  
increased by 1-mu-M ouabain (although I(CaL) only  
transiently) and  
decreased by 10-mu-M ouabain. It is concluded that  
the two types of Ca  
channels can be observed in bullfrog atrial cells and  
that they are  
specifically altered by pharmacological agents and  
neuromediators. This  
may have implications for cardiac behavior.

L6 ANSWER 102 OF 104 MEDLINE  
DUPLICATE 42  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 89130135 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 89130135  
TITLE: Modulation of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\* in  
cardiac and neuronal cells by an  
endogenous peptide.  
AUTHOR: Callewaert G; Hanbauer I; Morad M  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Physiology,  
School of Medicine, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 19104.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: HL16152 (NHLBI)  
SOURCE: SCIENCE, (1989 Feb 3) 243 (4891)  
663-6.

Journal code: UJ7. ISSN: 0036-8075.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Cancer  
Journals  
ENTRY MONTH: 198905  
AB \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channels\*\*\* mediate  
the generation of action

potentials, pacemaking, excitation-contraction  
coupling, and secretion and  
signal integration in muscle, secretory, and neuronal  
cells. The  
physiological regulation of the L-type  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\* \*\*\*channel\*\*\*  
is thought to be mediated primarily by guanine  
nucleotide-binding proteins  
(G proteins). A low molecular weight endogenous  
peptide has been isolated  
and purified from rat brain. This peptide regulates up  
and down the  
cardiac and neuronal \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\*, respectively.  
In cardiac myocytes, the peptide-induced  
enhancement of the L-type calcium  
current had a slow onset (half-time approximately 75  
seconds), occurred  
via a G protein-independent mechanism, and could  
not be inhibited by  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* \*\*\*j\*\*\* -adrenergic,  
beta-adrenergic, or angiotensin II  
blockers. In neuronal cells, on the other hand, the  
negative effect had a  
rapid onset (half-time less than 500 milliseconds)  
and was observed on  
both \*\*\*T\*\*\* - \*\*\*type\*\*\* and L-type  
\*\*\*calcium\*\*\*  
\*\*\*channels\*\*\*.

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AB In the first part of this study, we show that sDHPR  
and pDHPR preparations  
reconstituted into lipid bilayers formed on the tips of  
patch pipettes  
exhibit two divalent cation-selective conductance  
levels of 9 and 20 pS,  
similar in single-channel conductance to VSCC  
reported in a variety of  
intact preparations (see Pelzer et al. and Tsien et al.  
for review). The  
larger conductance level is similar to the VSCC  
identified in intact rat  
t-tubule membranes and described in sDHPR and  
pDHPR preparations, and  
shares many properties in common with activity  
from L-type VSCC. It is  
sensitive to augmentation by the DHP agonist  
(+/-)-BAY K 8644 and  
cAMP-dependent phosphorylation, and to block by  
the phenylalkylamine  
(+/-)-D600 and the inorganic blocker CoCl2. Its  
open-state probability and  
open times are increased upon depolarization as  
expected for a  
voltage-dependent activation process. Upon  
depolarization beyond the  
reversal potential, however, open-state probability  
and open times decline  
again. A reasonable way to explain the bell-shaped  
dependence of open  
times and open-state probability on membrane

potential is to assume  
voltage-dependent ion-pore interactions that produce  
closing of the  
channel at strong negative and positive membrane  
potentials. By contrast,  
the smaller conductance level may be similar to the  
10.6-pS t-tubule VSCC  
described by Rosenberg et al. and may best be  
compared with \*\*\*T\*\*\* -  
\*\*\*type\*\*\* VSCC. It is largely resistant to  
augmentation by (+/-)-BAY K  
8644 and cAMP-dependent phosphorylation or block  
by (+/-)-D600, but is  
sensitive to block by CoCl2. Its open times and  
open-state probability  
show a sole dependence on membrane potential  
where depolarization  
increases both parameters sigmoidally from close to  
zero up to a  
saturating level. Both elementary conductance levels  
do not exhibit  
significant inactivation over a wide potential range,  
which may suggest  
that skeletal muscle VSCC inactivation is either  
poorly or not  
voltage-dependent at all. This possibility seems in  
agreement with bilayer  
recordings on reconstituted intact t-tubule  
membranes and voltage-clamp  
recordings on intact fibers. It supports the idea that  
the decline of Ca2+  
current in intact skeletal muscle fibers may be due to  
Ca2+ depletion from  
the t-tubule system and/or to inactivation induced by  
Ca2+ release from  
the sarcoplasmic reticulum. We consistently observe  
two conductance levels  
of 9 and 20 pS, either singly, or together in the same  
bilayer from  
solubilized DHPR samples and even highly purified  
DHPR  
preparations. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400  
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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Voltage-dependent Ca2+ channels are classified  
into L-, N-, and \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
- \*\*\*types\*\*\*. The L-type is sensitive to organic  
drugs  
(1,4-dihydropyridines, phenylalkylamines,  
benzothiazepines,  
diphenylbutylpiperidines, etc.) and the N-type  
(occurring on neurons) is  
blocked by the peptide toxin .omega.-conotoxin  
GVIA, whereas the \*\*\*T\*\*\*  
- \*\*\*type\*\*\* (occurring on neurons and, for  
example, heart cells) is  
not modulated by 1,4-dihydropyridines but is  
inhibited by gallopamil,  
cinnarizine, and amiodarone. Purification,  
reconstitution, and molecular  
cloning of an essential (drug receptor-carrying)  
constituent, the  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*j\*\*\* sub-unit, have been  
achieved with 'L-type' Ca2+  
channels from skeletal muscle transverse-tubule  
membranes. The  
\*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*j\*\*\* subunit is believed to  
play a role in  
excitation-contraction coupling in skeletal muscle.  
L-type Ca2+ channel

activity in situ is regulated by hormone and neurotransmitter receptors indirectly via second messengers (cyclic adenosine monophosphate) and perhaps more directly via guanyl nucleotide signal transduction proteins.

L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel . \*\*\*alpha\*\*\* . \*\*\*I\*\*\* polypeptides similar in size to those in skeletal muscle have been identified in brain and heart membranes, but information on their primary structure is not yet available. Structural characterization of N-type channels is just beginning, and no structural information is yet available about \*\*\*T\*\*\*

- \*\*\*type\*\*\* Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels.

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